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Governor's mansion approaches vote

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's city council tonight will have a chance to vote on a deal to convey 43 acres of land to the state government, in return for commitments to use it for a new governor's mansion, park and historical museum.

According to the current draft agreement, portions of the land not ultimately developed for these purposes would have to be returned to the city's redevelopment agency, which owns them.

The state would not be required to pay for the property.

"To win the governor's residence, a state park and new museum in our community would be a fantastic 'triple play' for our community," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon yesterday, adding that "negotiations are still continuing."

Cabaldon added that the land is one of the city's greatest assets, even though development interest to date hasn't been sufficient to get it developed. The land is located "outside" the levee along the Sacramento River, across from the mouth of the American River.

Redevelopment agency director Val Toppenberg told the council that the governor's mansion proposal would likely increase property value at the troubled Lighthouse Development and the older Washington community nearby. He called the proposed park and museum "a cultural and recreational amenity of enormous value" to the city.

The council meets at 7 p.m. at 1110 West Capitol Ave.

Open for business

FROM LEFT: Council members Bill Kristoff, Oscar Villegas, (mayor) Christopher Cabaldon, Mark Montemayor and Carolyn Castillo Pierson

Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's new civic center building hosted its first public meeting last week, when Mayor Christopher Cabaldon convened a meeting of the West Sacramento City Council a few minutes after 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11.

Opening ceremonies included delivery of the state and national flags by a color guard of several local police and fire personnel, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and an opening prayer. About 25 chairs were brought in to help handle a large crowd of guests, helping the 80-seat council chambers handle the opening night visitors.

"This project took one year to complete and came in on time and on budget," Cabaldon remarked to the crowd. "This is a building that looks palatial and looks fabulous. . . but I do want to remind us all that we did this without any new tax increases."

City council member Bill Kristoff is the only person to remain in that office since the city first formed in 1987.

"This is really a dream come true," he said. "I can remember our first meetings at the sewer treatment facility (on South River Road)."

"This is your home, this is the people's house," added Kristoff. "You paid for it, not us. . . you put it to use."

Aside from thanking those elected officials and professionals who helped build the center, the council also used Wednesday night to honor Tom Stallard, who is ending his service as a Yolo County Supervisor. Stallard – regarded by the council as a 'booster' for West Sacramento – represents a sliver of northwestern West Sacramento as part of his Woodland-based supervisorial district.

Casino referendum succeeds

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Backers of a referendum calling for public review of a deal between West Sacramento's city council (a deal made in closed session) have turned in enough signatures to force the council to address the issue, said City Clerk Helen Kanowsky.

"The county clerk's office called us Friday afternoon," Kanowsky reported. "They stopped counting (valid) signatures at 1,435. The group needed to have 1,433, and the county estimated there were still about 300 signatures left uncounted."

The referendum has caused the casino deal to be suspended.

The council will be asked in January to decide whether to repeal the agreement, send it to the public for a vote, or attempt to adopt a different agreement. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon said yesterday the referendum would preclude the council from simply re-adopting the exact same deal with the Upper Lake Pomo Indians and their management, who hope to place a casino near Reed Ave. and I-80 in West Sacramento.

"I think we ought to take the time to have some public input on some of the issues that have come up in the past months," said Cabaldon.

Cabaldon and colleague Oscar Villegas were on the short end of the 3-2 city council vote that adopted the multi-million

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Burned church was dedicated in Washington in 1915

From John Siden

Editor's Note: Correspondent John Siden passed along some information on the history of the "Church of Christ" facility, which succombed to fire under undetermined origins Dec. 1. The congregation of that church is now meeting temporarily elsewhere. The building was uninsured and there are no immediate plans to rebuild.

Your readers may be interested in a little history concerning the church building which recently burned on 4th Street and Sacramento Avenue in West Sacramento.

The building was first dedicated on June 27, 1915 as the Messenger of Peace Chapel. The announcement in that week's Yolo Independent called it "a neat and cosy (sic) structure, well suited for the purposes of religious worship. It will have a seating capacity of about 50 persons and it's a very neat and appropriate structure in the neighborhood where it has been built."

The building was the outgrowth of Sunday School work begun about 1871 in Broderick (then called Washington) by the Prichard and Hopkins families with the assistance of Calvary Baptist, First Baptist and Westminster Presbyterian churches in Sacramento. After meeting in the town hall for a few years, a number of churches in the Sacramento area helped build the building on Fourth Street. In the fall of 1915 the members organized as the Community Baptist Church.

Church services were later discontinued in the building but the Sunday School carried on until the Community Baptist Church was reorganized after World War II. In 1950 the Rev. Louis Mitchell was called as pastor of the church and charged with developing a neighborhood outreach program that later became the Broderick Christian Center. After the Center was built at Sixth and Andrews streets about 1955, the Community Baptist Church sold the Fourth Street property and made plans for a new structure.

There are many in West Sacramento who remember the Rev. Mitchell and his efforts to build the Broderick Christian Center. The Center became an influential community force under the Revs. Mitchell and George Baker. Their efforts and the work of those who followed were re-

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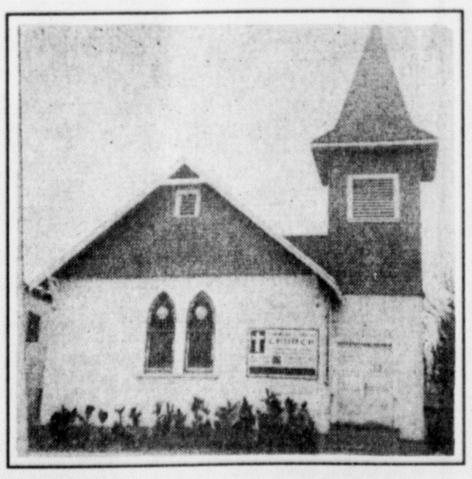


FROM YEARS PAST: Rev. Louis Mitchell and his son, Lem (right);

The church as the Broderick Baptist Community Church, under Mitchell's stewardship

Early deadlines!

The News-Ledger's next two publication dates (Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) fall on the Christmas and New Year holidays, respectively.

There will be no U.S. mail service available to our subscribers on these two publication dates. So that our subscribers do not experience a delay in service caused by these holidays, the News-Ledger will print and mail early for these two editions.

All news and advertising submissions must be received by prior Friday to be considered for the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 editions. Later submissions likely won't be considered for prompt publication.

Thank you for your patience.

Happy Holidays!

Correction

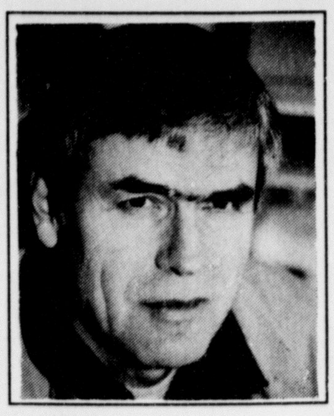
An article in last week's News-Ledger mentioned an incident at a local school in which administrators "locked down" the campus while police investigated a report that a student had a gun. The incident did not occur at Golden State Middle School (as was reported) but at a local elementary school.

The News-Ledger regrets the error.

No weapon was found and no arrest was made in the incident.

Vets from all wars have one thing in common

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Shortly after Pearl Harbor Day I was given a copy of a letter penned by Roy "Red" McKinnon, one of our local World War II veterans in which he had responded to a letter to the editor that had recently appeared in the *Sacramento Bee*. Apparently the letter in question had been written by a Vietnam veteran who felt he had been treated disrespectfully by a World War II veteran at a social gathering.

Part of Roy's response to the Vietnam veteran said the following:

"Also in his letter he claimed that the V.F.W. during the 1970s didn't care to sign up Vietnam vets, which is totally false. It is too bad he feels that way, and it is also bad to condemn the whole nationwide V.F.W. for an unfortunate incident that took place in a bar.

"Our V.F.W. Post #8762 in West Sacramento welcomes all overseas veterans and always has. Some of our most dedicated officers and members are Vietnam and Korean veterans.

"We World War Two vets founded our post, built the building, the bar, and the dance and meeting room, volunteered our labor, and paid off the mortgage 25 years ago. We are here to stay. So to all you wartime overseas veterans, believe me, you are always welcome. Come check us out."

Being a Vietnam veteran myself, I can attest to the fact that both of West Sacramento's V.F.W. Posts (#8762 and #9498) have indeed done their very best over the years to get Korean and Vietnam veterans to join their organizations. In fact, I myself have been very politely asked to join on a couple of occasions and felt honored by the request. I have always said "no thank you", though, and when asked why, made every effort not to get into the details. But after reading Roy's letter, I think I'll take a shot at trying to explain a few of the reasons why I believe V.F.W. posts all across the nation aren't exactly overflowing with Vietnam veterans.

To begin with, we were the guys who fought in the only war the United States has ever lost. Unlike the World War II vets who won their war and saved humanity from God only knows what, we only managed to destabilize a whole region of the globe (which eventually led to all kinds of awful stuff, including the creation of millions of refugees and the slaughter that came to be called The Killing Fields of Cambodia), and we also lost nearly 60,000 fine young men in the process. In other words, although we Vietnam veterans did our best to serve our country honorably and well, and although our war stories are just as funny, sad, and exaggerated as all other veterans, for reasons we had little control over, we came up losers, and who wants to sit around and chat and reminisce about the stupidity that was the Vietnam war.

Secondly, when I arrived back in the world and stepped off my freedom bird, it's true that there were no bands playing and no ticker-tape parades planned, but more than anything else, I just wanted to get back to my life and totally forget as best I could my year overseas. Then, as now, I still think that was the right way to look at my Vietnam experience. But to ask World War II vets to do that would have been unfair, if not impossible. They had just participated in the defining moment of their generation, their country and the whole world would never be the same again, and their sacrifice had made it all possible. Plus almost every able-bodied man in the nation had participated and they had tons of shared experiences, which certainly wasn't the case in Vietnam. So it was only natural that, unlike Vietnam vets, World War II vets would want to create V.F.W. posts and continue the deep camaraderie they had experienced during the war years.

Thirdly, in the 1940s, the vast majority of war-age males desperately wanted to get into the fight, but in the 1960s and 1970s, just the opposite was true, and that includes most of our current crop of political leaders (Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Dick Cheney quickly come to mind), who wanted absolutely no part of Vietnam (which is fine, actually, until they start asking other people's sons and daughters to go into harm's way). But since the sacrifice was so unequally shared in the Vietnam War, it's very difficult for most Vietnam vets to look back on their military experience in the same "all for one and one for all" way that World War II vets do.

Finally, World War II and the Vietnam War were fought so differently that I think in many ways it really is difficult for veterans from those two generations to sit down and communicate as effectively as I'm sure they would like. I mean, just to begin with, if you were sent to Vietnam, you knew you only had to serve for a year (six months for most officers), but if you signed up for World War II, you were going to be a solider until the darn thing was completely over. My father, for instance, left for the South Pacific shortly after Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941 and didn't come home until the end of 1945. By then he had lost 25 pounds and most of his hair and my mother didn't even recognize him. Now, if someone had told me when my 365 days were finally up in Vietnam that I had to stay for another three or four years, I'm sure I would have sat right down and cried.

So, in many ways, from the number of years soldiers had to serve to the fact that World War II vets fought to win a just and necessary war while Vietnam vets fought not to die in an unpopular and controversial one, conversing about World War II and Vietnam will always be a bit like talking about apples and oranges.

Anyway, when I told my daughter that I was going to try and write a column this week about some of the reasons why I have never gotten around to joining a V.F.W. post, she smiled and said, "So, are you going to mention the real reason?"

"And just what might that be?" I asked her with interest.

"That you've got a giant-sized head and would look really silly in one of those hats!"

There is one thing, though, that I'm pretty sure all veterans from all wars can agree upon; that warfare has always been, is, and always will be, mankind's greatest shame.

Note: I have recently gathered together 200 of my favorite columns from the past decade and edited them into a book. If you would like a copy of ***My Back Pages***, it can be purchased on-line from Amazon Books or at the iuniverse.com bookstore. Copies are also available here at the *News-Ledger*, or if you wish, you can also contact me at *darylfshr@aol.com* and I will make sure you receive a copy.

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Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.
—Goethe

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You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.
—Abraham Lincoln

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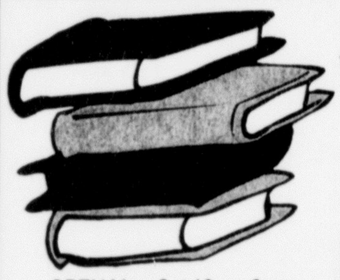

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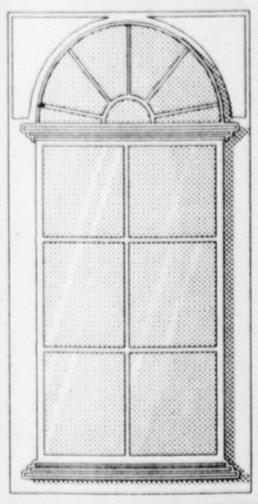
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Obituary

Irene M. Cunningham

Irene Cunningham was born on September 25, 1927 and died on December 8, 2002. She was predeceased by her husband, Herman Cunningham, and her daughter, Sandy. She leaves behind her sons, Larry and Kenneth Cunningham; grandchildren Janelle, Kimberly, Patrick, Joe, Shelly, Veronica, Jeremy and Vincent; twelve great grandchildren; and many friends and family.

Irene touched many hearts and she will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. A potluck gathering to celebrate her life was held on December 12, 2002. Arrangements were made by the Chapel of the Valley.

Help plan new library —

From the Arthur F. Turner Branch
Yolo County Library
West Sacramento

The public is invited to participate in the next meeting of the planning committee for a new library in West Sacramento. This meeting will convene on Thursday, December 19th, at 7:00pm, at the Arthur F. Turner Library, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue.

A new 25,000 square foot, state-of-the-art library is in the planning stages for West Sacramento. The Yolo County Library intends to apply in March 2003 for California State Library Bond Act funding for up to 65% of the cost of construction.

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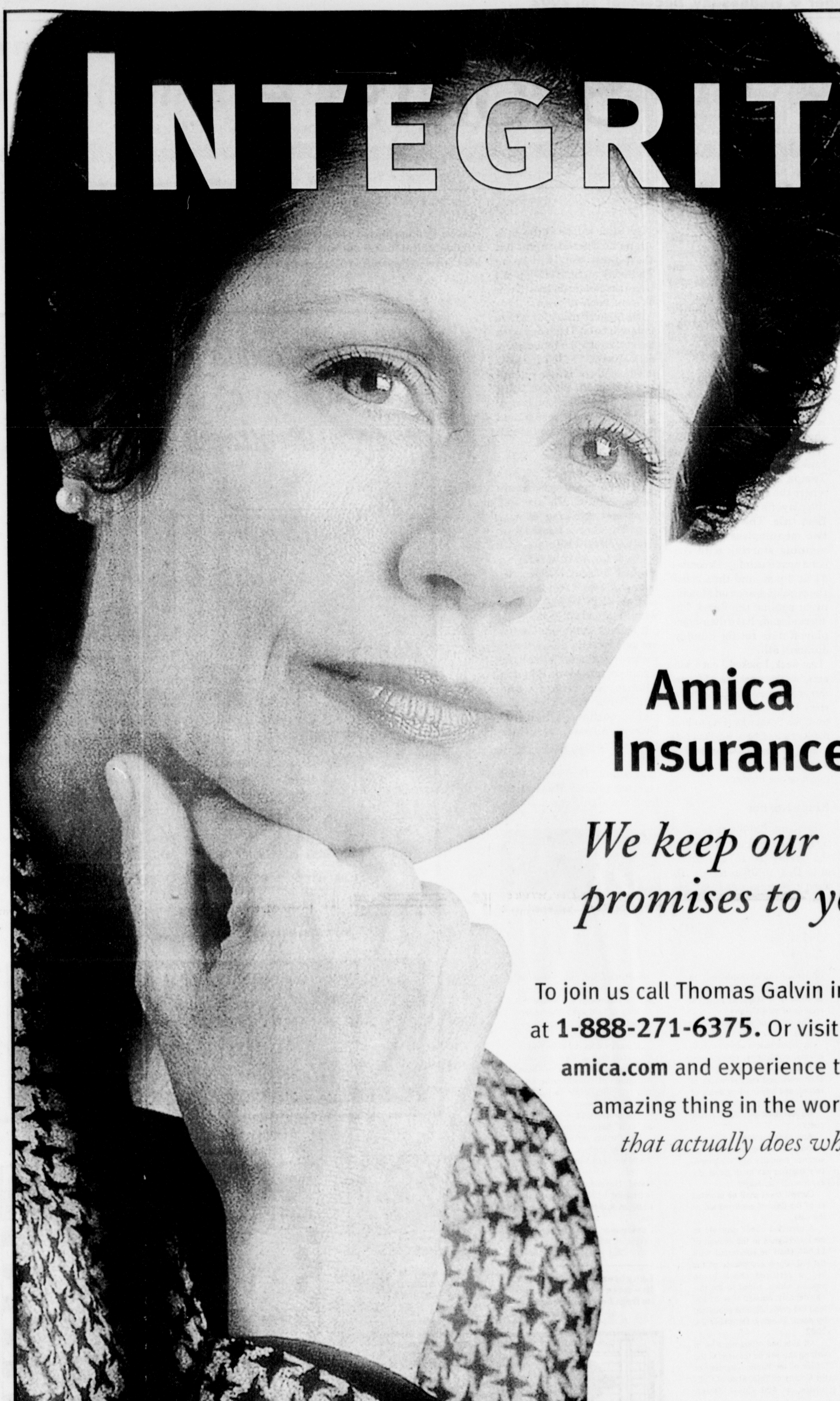

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By Rich Novoa

NFL Action

It was a bad weekend for bay area football fans, and I'm not talking about the weather.

Both NFL teams lost to conference rivals and missed out on home-field playoff opportunities. Two weeks remain in the regular season and the AFC still does not have any teams that have clinched a playoff spot. Each Division championship is still up for grabs. This hasn't happened since 1987.

The AFC is going to go down to the last weekend while the NFC has Atlanta, New Orleans and New York fighting for the last two-playoff spots.

The Raiders' offense couldn't get on track in their 23-17 loss in sunny Miami. The Dolphins' defense held the potent Silver and Black attack to 218 total yards while dominating the time of possession 37 minutes to only 23 for the Raiders. Gannon was sacked 5 times and only passed for 204 yards while completing 17 passes.

The Raiders were worried all week about who was going to return their punts and even signed free agent punt return specialist Darien Gordon but veteran Tim Brown was called upon to provide ball security. Brown returned three punts for only 14 yards but he fumbled two punts in the final quarter that lead to the Dolphins winning field. I wonder who is going to field punts next week when the rejuvenated Denver Broncos invade the Coliseum next Sunday (1:15 p.m.-Ch. 13). The game is not sold out as of Monday morning but I don't expect a blackout on Sunday. Denver can still win the West with a victory over the Raiders and home win next week against Arizona.

The 49ers (9-5) lost 20-14 to Brett Favre and the Packers (10-3) and now it looks like the road to the Superbowl may go through one of the Bays. The NFC Conference title game could end up in Green Bay, Tampa Bay or Philadelphia where the Eagles qualified for the playoffs by winning NFC East title. The Niners have two meaningless games remaining starting with Arizona next Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m. and then finish the regular season on Monday night against the Rams. The 49ers already have their home playoff date set for Sunday, January 5th.

Last week, I picked 3 out 4 winners, but this week the AFC conference games are going to be crazy. I like Atlanta (-10) over Detroit, the Seahawks (PK) to beat the Rams and New England (-3) over N.Y. Jets. On Monday night take Tampa Bay (-4) to make life tough on the Steelers.

Kings Korner

The Kings (20-6) are gearing up for the big showdown with the Lakers (10-15) on Christmas Day (5:30 p.m.-ch.10) with two home games this week.

The Suns will be at the Arco Arena on Tuesday night but the biggest test will be on Thursday night (TNT-7 p.m.) when the Spurs and the "Twin Towers" come to town.

The biggest news for Kings fans will be on Thursday with the return of Mike Bibby to the active roster. The big question is who will the Kings release to make room for the point guard. Bobby Jackson is now day-to-day with a sprained ankle and Scot Pollard is still out with a bad back.

Baseball news

The San Francisco Giants and Oakland A's are out Christmas shopping for next year. The Giants landed four free agents while the A's traded for a new DH in Erubiel Durazo. Durazo, 28, batted .261 with 16 home runs and 48 RBI's in 222 at bats with Arizona last year.

It appears that the Giants are going to let Jeff Kent test the free agent market with the signing of infielders, Edgardo Alfonzo, Ray Durham and Neifi Perez. The G-men also signed outfielder, Marquis Grissom. All four players took a pay cut to sign with the Giants!

The Atlanta Braves acquired starting pitcher Russ Ortiz from the San Francisco Giants for Damian Moss and the famous player to be named later. Moss, a 26-year-old Australian native who was a rookie last season, went 12-6 with a 4.11 ERA as the Braves fifth starter. Spring training is less than 60 days away!

See ya next week!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kathleen R. Sylvia, Public Guardian of the County of Yolo, State of California, as conservator of the person and estate of Willie DeWitt will sell at private sale, subject to confirmation by the Superior Court of Yolo County, to the highest and best bidder, under the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned on DECEMBER 20, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, at the Office of the Public Guardian of Yolo County at 400 Court Street, Woodland, California, all the right, title, interest and estate of said Willie DeWitt, in and to the real property located at 618 Cummins Way, West Sacramento, California, and more particularly described as follows:

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A certified check payable to the undersigned in the amount of $1,000 shall be submitted with the bid. Upon acceptance of the bid, a certified check in an amount which, added to the initial deposit, equals 10% of the total bid price, shall be submitted by noon, Tuesday, December 24, 2002.

All bids and offers must be in writing and will be received at the Office of the Public Guardian of the County of Yolo, State of California, at 400 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of said sale. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis, except as to title.

For further information and bid forms, apply at the Office of the Public Guardian of the County of Yolo.

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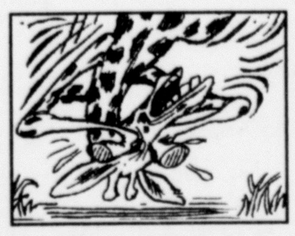

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6. After George Foreman won the WBA and IBF heavyweight titles in November of 1994, how many title defenses did he have?
7. Who holds the men's world record for the mile?

Answers On Back Page

Trivia test

1. HISTORY: How long did it take for Lindbergh to make his first solo flight across the Atlantic?
2. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with discovering bubble gum?
3. ENTERTAINERS: What actor's original name was Archibald Leach?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Balkan Peninsula?
5. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: What is the name of the island where Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends live?
6. LANGUAGE: What is another name for Elysian Fields?
7. THEATER: In drama, what is meant when a character has "hamartia"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Morse Code for the international distress signal SOS?

Answers

1. 33.5 hours
2. Walter Diemer in 1928
3. Cary Grant
4. Europe
5. Sodor
6. Paradise
7. A tragic flaw
8. Three dots, three dashes, three dots

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sacramento region

Play auditions

The Francis Dickie-St. Michael's Actors Guild (944-2763) will hold auditions January 6-7 at 7 p.m. for "Seven Keys to Baldpate", a mystery-farce by George M. Cohan. Roles are open for 13 adults of any age. Auditions will be cold readings from the script and will take place at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Avenue in Carmichael. For more information, call 557-0151.

Classic movies

The 11th year of classic movies at the Towe Auto Museum begins with the showing of the 1935 Grace Moore classic movie "The King Steps Out" on January 24th at 7 pm, a musical comedy based on the life of Emperor Franz Joseph. Admission is $8. The Towe Auto Museum is located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 442-6802.

Holiday music

The Sacramento Master Singers will present "Joy to the World" throughout mid-December at St. Francis Church, 26th and K Streets in Sacramento. The concert features a lush combination of voices, brass and percussion and new arrangements of holiday favorites. For performance dates and ticket prices, call 338-0300.

Martin Luther King march

Sacramento City College and the Freedom March Committee invite the public to participate in the 16th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March, to be held on January 20, 2003. The March will depart the Oak Park Community Center at 7:30 a.m. and will be followed by a 10:30 a.m. program at the west steps of the Capitol. Marchers are encouraged to join at any station along the route.

For further information, call the Sacramento Urban League at 286-8600.

Remembering Vietnam

The Golden State Museum, 1020 O Street in Sacramento, will present "The Golden State Reflects on the Vietnam War" from October 8th to January 26, 2003. On display will be treasured artifacts from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Sacramento's State Capitol Park that reflect the many different ways in which Californians have responded to the war. General admission is $5 and for more information, call 653-7524.

Homespun memories

The Folsom History Museum's newest exhibit, HomeSpn Memories: A Stitch in Time, features the lost art of needlework and embroidery. The theme of the exhibit lies within "women's work" and what they did Monday through Sunday. The exhibit runs through January 5, 2002. The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom.

Autorama

The 53rd Annual Sacramento Autorama will be held at the Cal Expo & State Fairgrounds, 1600 Exposition Boulevard in Sacramento on February 7-9. It is the largest custom car show in the West with hundres of vehicles, hot rods, motorcylcles, trucks and restored cars. For ticket and other information, call 530-667-4761.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 25, c. 6 B.C.,** Christ is born. Although most Christians celebrate Dec. 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ, few in the first two Christian centuries claimed any knowledge of the exact day or year in which he was born. The precise reason why Christmas came to be celebrated on Dec. 25 remains obscure, but most researchers believe that Christmas originated as a Christian substitute for pagan celebrations of the winter solstice.

• On **Dec. 24, 1814,** the Treaty of Peace and Amity between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America is signed by British and American representatives at Ghent, Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

• On **Dec. 28, 1832,** citing political differences with President Andrew Jackson and a desire to fill a vacant Senate seat in South Carolina, John C. Calhoun becomes the first vice president in U.S. history to resign the office.

• On **Dec. 26, 1908,** Jack Johnson becomes the first African-American to win the world heavyweight title when he knocks out Canadian Tommy Burns in the 14th round in a championship bout near Sydney, Australia.

• On **Dec. 27, 1932,** Radio City Music Hall opens in New York City. The theater, which showed movies as well as live performances featuring the famous chorus line the Rockettes, was the largest indoor theater in the world when it opened, seating 6,200 people.

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.
—Abraham Lincoln

Glitches at city hall

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

There have been a few glitches at West Sacramento's glistening new civic center building on West Capitol Ave. – but nothing major, reports City Clerk Helen Kanowsky.

One rainy day last week, "the front lobby had a little flooding," she said. "Water was blowing or flowing under the door. They sandbagged it Friday afternoon."

Kanowsky noticed the floor was damp again Monday morning as storms continued.

People are working on the drainage problem, she added.

The center has also had a flurry of false alarms in the alarm system, she added.

"I'm on the list for them to call when the alarm goes off," Kanowsky said. "This morning, at a minute to 7 a.m., I got a call at home that the alarm had gone off." This kind of thing has happened a few times, she said, as employees and the alarm system have been getting used to each other.

CHURCH from page one

sponsible for starting the East Yolo Senior Citizens program, a day care center, a multitude of activities for children and youth, a transportation program for disabled adults, a public parks and recreation agency, housing for low income families, the Salud Clinic and many other community improvements.

The West Sacramento community has lost a significant reminder of its rich and colorful past.

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dollar deal with the tribe and its casino managers. Villegas helped organize the drive to gather signatures for a referendum.

The deal would only have taken effect if state and federal officials allowed the tribe to operate a gaming establishment at the site. The three "yes" votes for the deal – including Bill Kristoff, Mark Montemayor and then-councilmember Jim Cahill – argued that the city urgently needed the protection of such a deal in place in case the tribe won its gaming rights.

Kanowsky said she expects the council to deal with the referendum on Jan. 8.

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Christmas Fun With Santa Claus

(NAPS)—Your children may not have to be nestled all snug in their beds this Christmas Eve. They could be at the computer following Santa's progress as he completes his magical journey.

In fact, there are lots of family activities you and your children can do together on www.claus.com. You can check out your naughty or nice ratings, send an email and get one back from Santa Claus, make his favorite foods with recipes from Mrs. Claus's kitchen, have fun with Sugar Plum Mary and the rest of Santa's elves.

There's more than just a website too. Even if your children don't use a home computer, you can still get them a book by Mrs. Claus loaded with recipes and activities for kids and families or a "Santa Spotter" wheel that will let them follow Santa's progress on Christmas Eve without being online. This portable mechanism is great for children to take to bed as they anticipate the big guy in red's arrival.

Now in its seventh season, Claus.com expects more than nine million visitors in a six-week period this year. It is no surprise that the site is considered by many to be the merriest place in cyberspace.

The site also offers a visit to Santa's house where your child can watch the animated Santa Show; "elfinize" Santa's van with holiday paint jobs and trimmings; watch original animated cartoons featuring Santa's elves; read the *Polar Post* to get the latest headlines from the North Pole; and vote on the coolest wish at the wishing well.

You can even reach Santa by calling his "Sleigh Phone" on Christmas Eve. Claus.com lets kids phone Santa while he's on his sleigh. Children can call in to find out how many cookies Santa's eaten and how close he is to their house. The four-call experience will cost $4.95, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Claus.com is rated with Safe Surf as kid-friendly, and is likely to be a hit with kids young and old. You can find Santa's Web site at www.claus.com.

This season, kids can follow Santa's every move on www.claus.com.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Campaigns: big money is alive & well

Leave behind for the moment, please, which side you favored in West Sacramento's battle over Measure L, the industrial zoning initiative.

Here's what should scare all of us:

This fall, a single campaign group raised and spent something like $120,000 on one side of that ballot measure battle (final campaign disclosures aren't yet it; all this data is preliminary).

This $120,000 war chest amounted to an allowance of around $13 to spend on each person who actually voted on November 5.

The group called itself "West Sacramento Citizens for Responsible Planning" and put that name on the political mailers it sent you. Despite this name, though, 100 percent of its funding appears to have come from a single, Southern California-based developer with business interests in West Sacramento. According to its final pre-election financial disclosure, not a single dime actually came from a West Sacramento citizen.

The group did find a local person to front for them; these groups always do. But the campaign work was managed by hired guns in other places.

And remember that, just as "truth in advertising" laws don't generally apply to the naming of a campaign group, they also don't apply to most of what the group says during a campaign. Campaign claims – both by this group and others, including opponents – included a lot of (to put it mildly) "hyperbole." Think of how much hyperbole $13 per voter can buy.

The last time West Sacramento faced a big, divisive election battle was 1990, and that battle helped spur local campaign reform laws. What 2002 taught us is that as helpful as these new campaign contribution limits are, they don't truly solve the problem. Whenever a wealthy special interest wishes to flood a local election with money, we just learned, our new laws won't stop them.

Our Constitution's free speech laws have been interpreted as protecting much of this unlimited campaign spending. Indeed, these same laws would probably trump the city's existing and questionable restrictions on city council candidates who finance their own campaigns.

So the special interests will continue to dominate local campaigns, virtually at will.

It is true that "the best cure for bad speech is more speech." But it's also true that big money, such as the $13 per voter spent by this particular "citizens" group, can make it extraordinarily difficult for the average voter to separate the "good" speech from the "bad."

It's also true that any citizen's group that tries to take on a special interest through an initiative process faces an uphill battle twice:

First, it is tough for citizens to match the money their opponents can raise.

Second, it is the opponents of an initiative who always have a tactical advantage. An initiative's backers have to convince voters their measure is a good one in order to get it passed. The opponents, meanwhile, don't have to convince you that a ballot measure is bad in order to get you to vote "no." All they have to do is confuse you and frustrate you enough that you'll vote "no." False claims, controversy, exaggeration – these things are valuable currency to the ethically challenged opponent of any ballot measure.

Think of how much confusion you can create with something like $13 worth of political advertising per voter.

As unsavory as one particular campaign group can be, the point here isn't that the wrong side won on Measure L. The point is that West Sacramento this fall faced its first real test of the city's campaign contribution laws. And, while most of the town is generally happy with the election results – including the failure of unpopular Measure L – this campaign failed that test.

Big money is still poised to spoil future local elections, dominating either ballot measures or city council races. Local campaign rules are generally helpful, but will prove ineffective during those campaigns that prick the concern of special interests. And free speech laws mean that all this will be the case for some time.

The best defense for the public is a difficult one. The voters must educate themselves to minimize their chances of being hoodwinked during massive political campaigns. Because, rest assured, someone with a lot of money will surely try just that, in an election campaign coming to West Sacramento soon.

Letters to the Editor

Villegas referendum a mistake

Robert's Rules prohibits a dissenting council member from bringing an issue back that has been voted on by the majority council. It's true Councilman Oscar Villegas is not doing that in session, but he is doing it in public.

As a minority (one of two) dissenting council member, he is soliciting citizens to sign a petition so he can issue a referendum to overturn the ordinance he is in opposition to. That's political pandering! There should be a law against it.

Putting the issue of a casino in West Sacramento to a vote of the people, or public hearings is great, if time permits. But our majority council judged that with this issue time is too short and they wisely made a decision for an agreement with the tribe for our insurance. They did what they were elected to do.

If Mr. Villegas succeeds with his effort to kill the agreement, and then if the federal and state judges give a decision in favor of the tribe, we get nothing.

But hello? What part of no agreement, we get nothing does Mr. Villegas not understand?

The judges will only consider the legal aspects of the tribe's rights to the land. Whether West Sacramento wants the casino or not will not be considered.

If the courts do not give the tribe our land, great! I believe the majority council members who voted "yes" for the agreement are personally against a casino in West Sacramento. I am against a casino in West Sacramento. I am for the agreement.

JULIA HARRINGTON
West Sacramento

Casino referendum wrongheaded

Here we go again (whoops, I mean some more). The dissatisfied elitist minority, who, by raising the specter of backroom politics by using innuendo, speculation, and inference, have managed to beguile enough of the fearful with their pusillanimous folderol. Once again, I ask -- "Who pays for this fit of pique?" Why you and me, of course.

Folks, if we don't have an ironclad agreement for payment for increased services already in place with the tribe that wants to claim sovereignty, for a price, to a piece of our fair city, we are out in the cold if "Uncle Sugar" decides to "right an historic wrong" by granting their claim. It's as simple as that. Regarding the dreaded "closed door" aspect, it has always been city policy to discuss all matters that may result in litigation, "in camera", as it were. Oh, you didn't know? Who told you not to ask?

Remember, "They seize your money and squanders your taxes."

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

Agree or disagree; conservative or liberal; "old guard" or "new resident"; the News-Ledger would like to wish you the very warmest possible holiday season.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 19, 2002
File No. 2002-938

The following person is doing business as JUST TIRES, 60 W. Main St., Woodland CA 95695.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (incorporated in the state of Ohio), 1144 East Market Street, Akron OH 44316-0001.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 2, 1994

/s/Bertram Bell, Asst. Secy & Assoc. Gen. Counsel
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 19, 2002
File No. 2002-939

The following person is doing business as Capital Valley Investments, 269 Technology Way, Suite B-1, Rocklin, CA 95765-1207:

Diablo Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company, 269 Technology Way, Suite B-1, Rocklin, CA 95765-1207.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on upon filing.

/s/Gary Whitesides, Managing Member
Diablo Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2002-934

The following person is doing business as A-Med Systems, Inc., 2941 Boatman Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Embol-X, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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/s/J. Casey McGlynn, Secretary
Embol-X, Inc.

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File No. 2002-925

The following person is doing business as RPS Enterprise, 867 McNeill Circle, Woodland CA 95695:

Richard Stewart and Paula Stewart, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/Richard Stewart

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 21, 2002
File No. 2002-945

The following person is doing business as River City Photography, 1001 Jefferson Blvd. #500, West Sacto., CA 95691:

Vadim Telchak and Diana Telchak, 201 3rd St., W. Sacto., CA 95605.

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/s/Vadim Telchak

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 13, 2002
File No. 2002-918

The following person is doing business as Wolf Enterprises and Investments Inc.; Wolf Management Services; Wolf Investments Unlimited, at 1300 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento CA 95691.

Randall A. Carasco, 1716 Deerwood St., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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/s/Randall A. Carasco

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 279, 2002
File No. 2002-698

The following person is doing business as Fat Cat Scones, 752 Northport, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

VanWolfs LLC, 8552 Erinbrook Wy, Sacto CA 95826.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1/02.

/s/Anthony Van Rees, President

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 28, 2002
File No. 2002-871

The following person is doing business as Davis Surgery Center, 2120 Cowell Blvd., Building K, Davis, CA 95616:

Davis Surgery Center Inc., 635 Anderson Road, Suite 18, Davis CA 95616, incorp. in Calif.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on.

/s/Keith Brewer MD
Davis Surgery Center Inc.

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Date: Dec 3, 2002
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 6, 2002
File No. 2002-979

The following person is doing business as Quest Health Care, 2799-B Delmonte Street, W. Sacramento CA95691:

Centennial Medical Equipment (a Florida corp.), 2600 Technology Drive, Suite 300, Orlando FL 32804.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-15-02.

/s/Rebecca L. Myers, Secretary
Centennial Medical Equipment, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 11, 2002
File No. 2002-999

The following person is doing business as Davis Ford; Davis Nissan, 5080 Chiles Rd., Davis CA 95616.

Davis Ford Inc. (a Delaware corp.), 5080 Chiles Road, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NOT YET BEGUN.

/s/B.L. Kilbride, Vice President
Davis Ford, Inc.

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The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

—Socrates

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Jefferson Boulevard Widening Project located in the City of West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of widening Jefferson Boulevard between Stone Boulevard and Marshall Road. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the January 15, 2003 City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on January 15, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

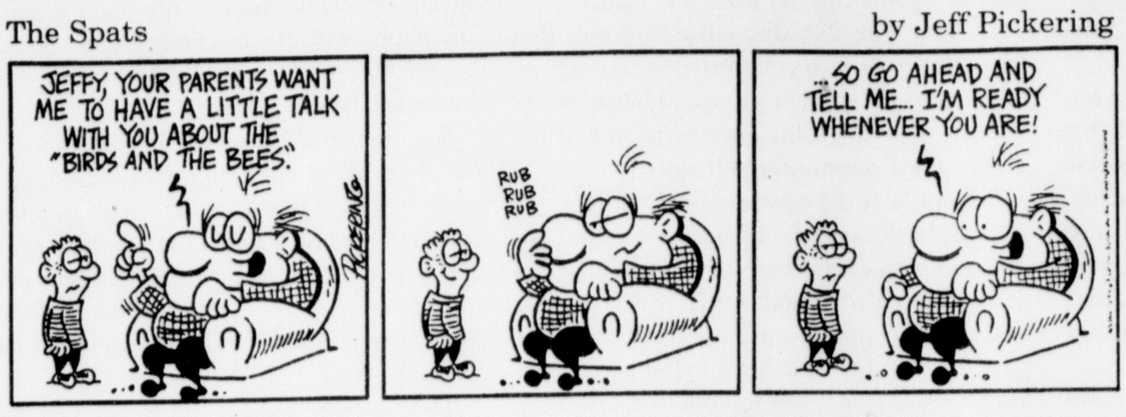
Dec 18

PUZZLES & COMICS

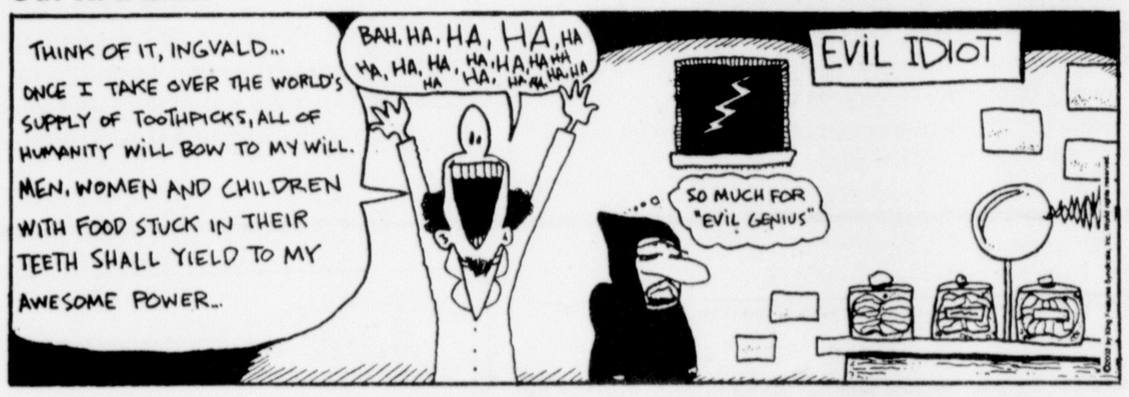
Got a Life — by Terri Davis

Really? You're pregnant?
That's what the test says.
WOW!
This must explain why I've been so tired.
Yeah. And moody. And absent-minded. And irritable.
Gee, Honey. You're just slipping naturally into this supportive husband role.
Gosh, I wonder how much weight you'll gain.

The Spats — by Jeff Pickering


JEFFY, YOUR PARENTS WANT ME TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE "BIRDS AND THE BEES."
RUB RUB RUB
...SO GO AHEAD AND TELL ME... I'M READY WHENEVER YOU ARE!

Out on a Limb — by Gary Kopervas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BAH, HA, HA, HA, HA HA, HA, HA, HA, HA HA, HA, HA, HA, HA HA, HA, HA, HA, HA
EVIL IDIOT
SO MUCH FOR "EVIL GENIUS"

R.F.D. — by Mike Marland

HEY! THEY COULD HELP US RING IN THE NEW YEAR, SIM!
I DON'T THINK SO, MAY.
THEY DON'T LIKE TO STAY UP THAT LATE!
CLANK A RING-A-LING!
RING-A DING CLANK-A
RING-A CLANK A-DING!
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By JIM KEEFE
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AS THE TRICARNOSAUR LUNGES - FLASH STRIKES!
NOW...TO LEAD THE BEAST AWAY FROM DALE!
EXCELLENT STRATEGY, GORDON. YOU'VE SAVED THE GIRL... BUT WHO'S GOING TO SAVE YOU?
MRRRAHHHH!
USING HIS SHACKLES AS MAKESHIFT REINS, VULTAN CHARGES...
IT CAN'T BE...
...WITH EARTH-SHATTERING RESULTS!

Super Crossword

CAN'T STANDISH STILL

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1 WWII site
7 Serenity
12 Brazos River city
16 Clerical garb
19 Point the finger at
20 Synthetic fiber
21 Christiania, today
22 Remote
23 Riddle: Part 1
25 Gershwin's "— in Blue"
27 Beatty or Buntline
28 Gaggle gal
29 Watch part
30 Fountain order
31 Rocker Marc
33 Nature spirit
36 Sable, for one
38 Lee of "The Fall Guy"
41 Canta-loupe's cousin
43 Team
44 Skater Berezhnaya
45 Bleak critique
46 Riddle: Part 2
51 Papua New Guinea port
52 Contam-inates
55 Butz or Warren
56 Sapporo sash
57 Tactful
59 Consider
61 Ford flop
63 Maine town
64 Space
66 Al — (cooking term)
67 Lear, to Goneril
69 Riddle: Part 3
74 Fleur-de- —
75 Desert schlepper
77 — Romeo
78 Heap of Dickens
80 Coeur d'—, ID
81 Cartoonist Silverstein
83 Hard to describe
88 Hurried
89 Little one
91 Prate
92 —4 (Toyota model)
93 Riddle: Part 4
98 Loafer part
99 Gladden
101 Alan of "Gilligan's Island"
102 Frequent Funicello co-star
104 Scanty
105 Roller-coaster feeling
108 1970 World's Fair site
109 Chatterley or Windermere
110 Director Nicolas
111 Skip
113 Turbine part
116 — Goncalo, Brazil
119 Avoidance
121 Answer to riddle
125 Swell place?
126 Actor Barry
127 Murcia mister
128 Farm adolescent
129 Weaken
130 — -Neisse Line
131 Early German
132 Spanish —

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1 Cut
2 Flu symptom
3 Like some donuts
4 Groan producer
5 Shake-spearean snake
6 Equine exclama-tions
7 Kelly's possum
8 Goofs
9 Tabloid subjects
10 Dot follower
11 Minnesota twins?
12 Merit
13 '75 Wimbledon winner
14 More humid
15 "Alley —"
16 In progress
17 Soup scoop
18 Adams or Ferry
24 Actor Chaney
26 It needs to be threaded
29 Boom or gaff
31 Swindle
32 Wind instrument?
34 Spitz sound
35 Exec's deg.
37 Perplexed
38 Blend
39 Jai —
40 Army vehicle
41 "Makin' Whoopee" singer
42 Pro foe
43 "The King and I" setting
45 Brendel's instrument
47 Pigskin prop
48 Mubarak of Egypt
49 Helps a hood
50 Mosaic bit
53 Singer Tori
54 Torah, e.g.
58 Shade of green
59 Realm
60 Big bird
62 Indian city
65 Oven setting
67 — Lama
68 Improve
70 — kwon do
71 London borough
72 Furious
73 Short movie?
75 Funny fellow
76 Deadly
79 "It's a deal!"
81 — terrier
82 Drill sergeant's shout
84 West. alliance
85 Improve oneself, in a way
86 Behind schedule
87 Always
90 Aged, as paper
94 Poultry serving
95 Cobbler's need
96 Palindromic name
97 Asian ox
100 Nonclerical
103 It's down in the mouth
104 Vandellas' leader
105 Lock
106 Biblical book
107 Summarize
108 Ocean vessel
109 Christie or Costello
112 Lion's pride
114 Melville work
115 Like Hitchcock's curtain
116 Couch
117 Served well
118 Creole veggie
120 — trip
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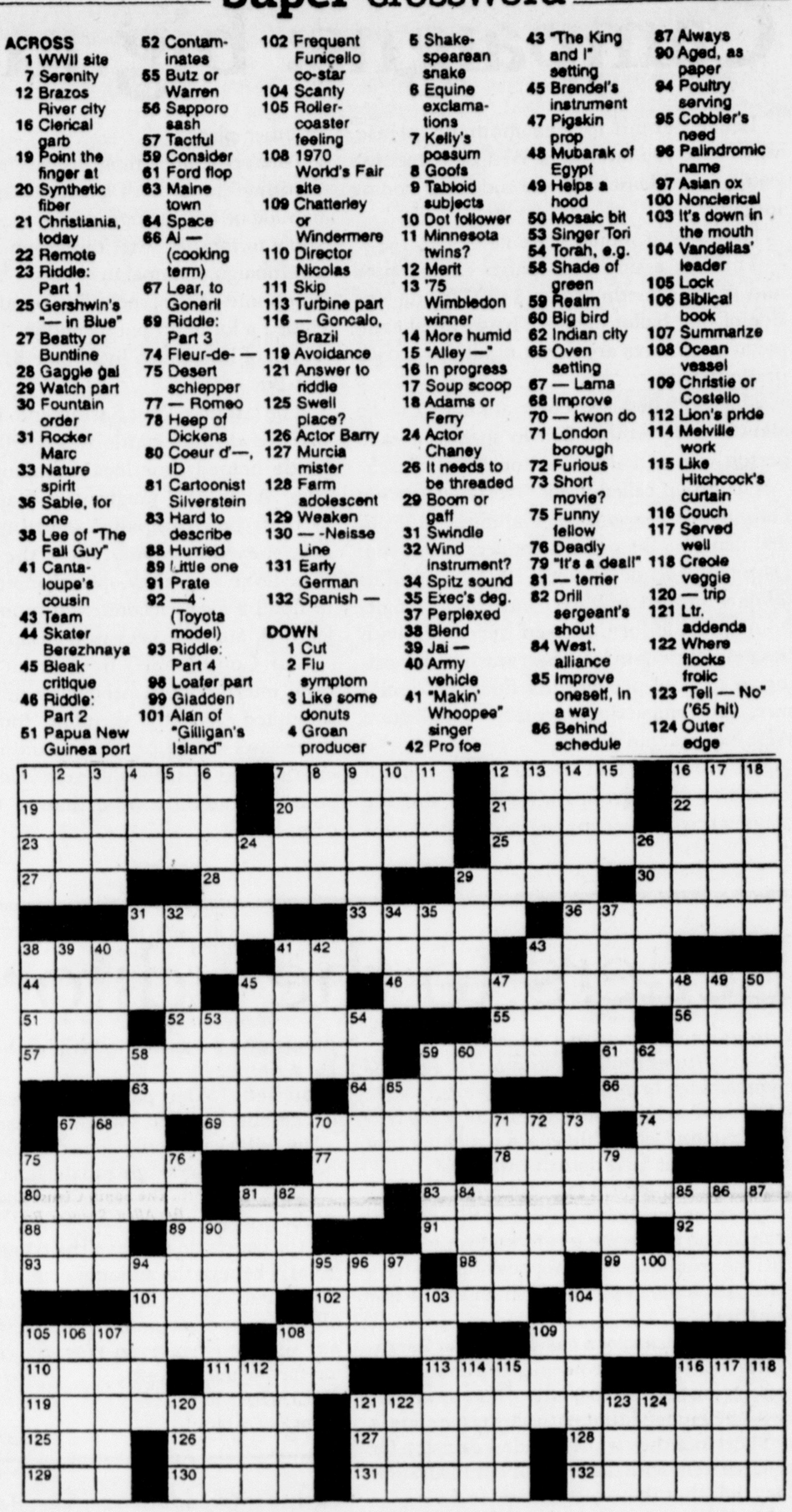
122 Where flocks frolic
123 "Tell — No" ('65 hit)
124 Outer edge



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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

By L. Conn Mahler

DIRECTIONS
Fill each square with a number, one through nine
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION

Today's Challenge
Time 5 Minutes 9 Seconds
Your Working Time Minutes Seconds

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	1			9
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I G E E N K N A D H B Z X O W
U T R D Q I C I G O N L D J I
G F D C W S L I A A M A E R C
Y X W V A O L E T P H S U L B
L T S M T H P R Y S R O U G E
P H O I GREASEPAINT
N N O I T A D N U O F I W L K
J N H K I G R E S N A E L C F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Blush, Cleanser, Eyeliner, Foundation, Greasepaint, Highlighter, Kohl, Lipstick, Lotion, Makeup, Mascara, Powder, Rouge, Shadow, War paint

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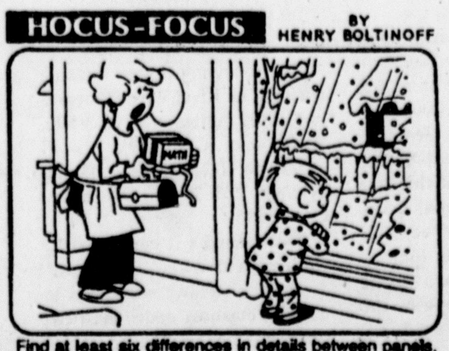
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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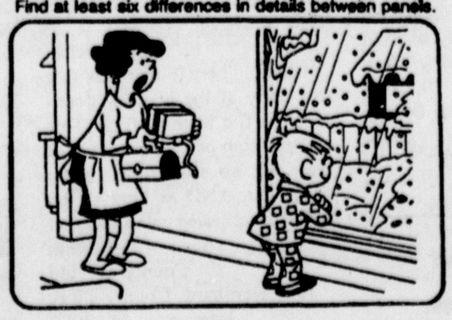

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

PORTS OF CALL

by Bethany Murray

Night of the Radishes

On Dec. 23, the radishes come out in Oaxaca, Mexico.

These are radishes like nothing you have ever imagined — definitely not those little red jobs on the perimeter of your salad plate. These are big — mammoth, in vegetable terms — some as long as 20 inches, many twisted by the rocky soil in which they grow.

But these babies aren't for eating. They're for art. Vegetables for art's sake.

Artisans, farmers, whoever wants to dig in — in a few days' time, they carve these lumps from the earth into dancers, the Baby Jesus, the Three Wise Men, the Virgin Mary, whole Nativity scenes, saints, flowers, aliens, conquistadors, animals, heroes, scenes of Oaxacan culture and history, of Aztec legend.

And on this night, Dec. 23, Noche de los Rabanos, the sculptures are put on display around the zocalo — the Plaza de la Constitucion — which is already resplendent in Christmas lights and filled with vendors selling food and holiday wares. A two-level ramp is built around the displays to accommodate the burgeoning crowds.

You won't come just to gawk at crudités. You'll be stuffing yourself with treats like bunuelos — crisp doughnuts served swaddled in syrup. If you're going to follow tradition, you'll take your empty plate, throw it behind you and smash it on the floor. The more pieces the plate breaks into, the more luck you'll have in the coming year.

The origins are uncertain, but whatever the roots of this rootfest, in 1897 the mayor of Oaxaca established the first formal exhibition, a contest was held for best Nativity scene, and the radish won a new place in history. This is a competition, and the winner gets a wad of dough and his or her picture in the local paper.

Oaxaca, the capital of the southern Mexican state of the same name, is a bastion of holiday festivities. On Dec.16, the traditional posadas begin. For nine nights, the events of the first Christmas are re-enacted, each night at a different house in neighborhoods all over the city. On the last night — Christmas Eve — a doll representing Jesus is delivered to the crèche in the neighborhood church. Later that night, a procession of floats called a calenda makes its way through the zocalo. Christmas is quiet, but there is one more celebration on Jan. 6 — the Feast of the Three Kings — when children receive gifts and loved ones gather to share a ring-shaped cake called a rosca.

For more information on the Night of the Radishes and on beautiful Oaxaca, go to www.oaxacoinfo.com, www.mexconnect.com, www.oaxaca-travel.com or www.christmas-in-oaxaca.com/night-of-radish.htm.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

Running Time: 161 minutes
MPAA rating: PG

The latest chapter in the Harry Potter saga opens with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) at home with his insufferable aunt and uncle. He desperately wants to return to Hogwarts and continue his wizard training. Enter Dobby, a house elf who warns Harry that he shouldn't return to school because something horrible is about to go down.

Of course, Harry does return to Hogwarts, where students are being petrified, the titular chamber has been opened and an unseen monster is reportedly stalking the hallowed halls of Hogwarts — supposedly to kill children who aren't full-blooded wizards (Mudbloods).

Harry and his two pals Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) replace their pointy wizard hats with deerstalkers so they can solve the mystery before Hermione (who is a Mudblood herself) becomes the next victim.

Of course, you already know this. By the time this review is published, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" will have grossed 173 trillion dollars — enough to pay off the national debt and buy Belgium with the change.

So, for the 14 people in the country who haven't seen this film and are wondering whether to see it or not, lets just say this: Wait for the video. Really.

First, this movie is nearly three hours long. It takes almost as long to watch as it does to read the novel it's based upon. And believe me, brother, when you're trapped in a theater filled with squirming, noisy kids, you feel every minute of it.

The film's pace plods from one computer-generated set piece to another. In order to be faithful to everything in the book, everything seems to have been included — except for its emotions (including fear) and spirit. Veteran hack Chris Columbus ("Bicentennial Man," "Home Alone 2") could take a few lessons from "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson on how to properly direct a movie based on a famous fantasy series.

Daniel Radcliffe

There are a few good things about "Chamber of Secrets": First the performance of Jason Isaacs as Lucius Malfoy is positively brilliant. Also, the interiors of Hogwarts look much better, more detailed and textured this time around. The costumes were also good.

Thankfully, Columbus won't be directing the next installment. The torch has been passed to Alfonso Cuaron, who directed the wonderful "Little Princess."

Maybe the third time will be the charm.

Grade: C+

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top 10 movies

1. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** .....(PG)
Daniel Radcliffe, Kenneth Branagh
2. **8 Mile** .....(R)
Eminem, Kim Basinger
3. **The Santa Clause 2** .....(G)
Tim Allen, Spencer Breslin
4. **The Ring** .....(PG-13)
Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson
5. **Half Past Dead** .....(PG-13)
Morris Chestnut, Steven Seagal
6. **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** .....(PG)
Nia Vardalos, Gia Caride
7. **Jackass: The Movie** .....(R)
Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera
8. **I Spy** .....(PG-13)
Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson
9. **Frida** .....(R)
Salma Hayek, Alfred Molina
10. **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13)
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A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Main Library and Senior Center project in the City of West Sacramento at 1212-1260 Merkley Avenue. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of construction and operation of a new +/-25,000 square foot main library branch and a +/-10,000 square foot senior center. The project also includes ultimate demolition of the existing library at 1212 Merkley Avenue and an existing office building at 1236 Merkley Avenue.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than January 16, 2003. Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the February 5, 2003 City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 5, 2003 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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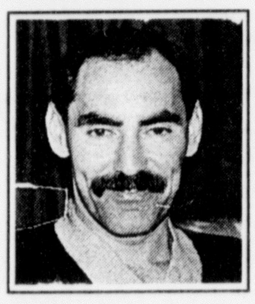

Daniel S. Martinez

The family of murder victim Daniel S. Martinez has offered a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the crime.

Anyone with information is asked to call West Sacramento Police Detective Tom Maggiano, 372-2461 ext. 290.

Martinez was killed June 13 in West Sacramento.

NOTICE OF HEARING JANUARY 2, 2003

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, January 2, 2003, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1
Bosley Lot Line Adjustment (ZA 02-29)

The applicant is requesting an adjustment to the common lot line between two parcels to create a +/- 2.5 acre parcel and a +/-17.5 acre parcel at 3900 Partridge Avenue. (DT)

Regular Agenda
Item #2
Harsch Parcel Map (TSM 02-09)

This item is a request to subdivide a +/-23.8 acre parcel into one +/-12.3 acre lot and one +/-11.5 acre lot. The property is located at 950 Riverside Parkway (APN #14.660-11) and is zoned BP (Business Park). A Categorical Exemption has been filed on the project. APPLICANT: Wong & Associates, 950 Fulton Avenue #200, Sacramento, CA 95825. OWNER: Harsch Investment Properties, 1121 SW Salmon Street, Portland OR 97205. (DT)

Item #3
Jefferson Boulevard (State Route 84) Update

A review of both the status of the Jefferson Boulevard widening project and a discussion of the capacity of the roadway to handle additional proposed development. (SR & SP)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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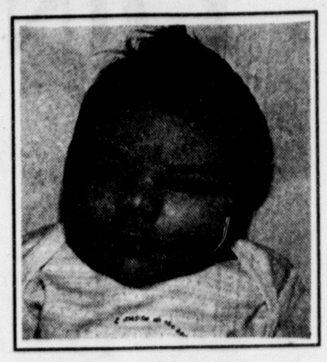

The McCann family just got enlarged by two feet. One of the newest members of our community is Macy Shay McCann, born August 11, 2002 at 11:48 a.m. in Kaiser hospital. Macy Shay, who weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 ounces is the daughter of Bardley and Deborah McCann (Roberti) of West Sacramento. She is the sister of 3-year-old Hannah and the granddaughter of George and Katherine Roberti, and Carol Carter and William Carter. She is also the great-granddaughter of Fern Ricci and Esther McCann.

Congratulations and welcome to Macy and her family.

The Stegosaurus dinosaur was believed to be up to 30 feet long. However, studies show its brain weighed only 2 ½ ounces.

Jockey Albert Adams won nine consecutive races over a three-day period at a Maryland track in 1930.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
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This Bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

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Date: 12/16/02
FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, ESCROW AGENT FOR BUYER AND SELLER
BY: /s/M. Bennett, Escrow Agent
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Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Sunday Worship 6pm Prayer Time Wed. 7pm http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., 371-5875 SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 10am Worship Service 11:15am Christian Education Child Care Provided JOIN US! www.2xtreme.net/clmet/trinity.htm	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School 9:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** Bishop Ray Jackson ■ 2667 Linden Rd 10am Sacrament Meeting 11:20am Sunday School 12:10pm Priesthood/Relief Society PUBLIC WELCOME! 373-1801	**River of Life Community Church** Pastor Dave Losey 3605 Gregory Ave. 10 a.m. Worship Children's Programs Youth 6 p.m. www.intheriver.com 371-6706

Police log

Dec. 11, 11:38 a.m.
A naked man was reported walking around an adult motel on West Capitol Ave. The man was contacted and found to be under the influence of methamphetamine.

Dec. 11, 11:10 p.m.
An intoxicated man sitting on railroad tracks near D St. was struck by a slow-moving train. He was hospitalized.

Dec. 12, 12:40 a.m.
An officer contacted a 46-year old man on Jefferson Blvd. regarding a vehicle code violation. The man was on probation, and 6.3 grams of methamphetamine was found in the door panel of the driver's side door of the vehicle.

Dec. 12, 3:06 a.m.
An officer took a report that a van had been stolen on Maple Street.

Dec. 12, 7 a.m.
On Bevan Rd., a man with a history of health problems was found in his home, dead.

Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
An officer responded to an elementary school. School officials reported a child's parents, who were habitually late to pick up their child from campus. As the officer spoke with administrators, the child's uncle arrived, intoxicated, to pick up the child. The man was jailed.

Dec. 12, 12:35 p.m.
A 40-year old West Sacramento man and his 31-year old male passenger approached an undercover West Sacramento Police officer during a prostitution "sting" operation non West Capitol Ave. Both men made deals with the female officer for sex in exchange for $20 each. The passenger got out of the car and walked with the officer. The driver went around to the rear of the property – then tried to flee when he saw his friend being arrested. Both were booked, as were a number of other suspects.

Dec. 14, 6:40 a.m.
A pickup truck was reported stolen on Cummins Way.

Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m.
A car was stolen from a Bryte Ave. apartment complex.

Dec. 14, 7:15 a.m.
A stolen car was recovered on Merkley Ave.

Dec. 14, 10:40 a.m.
A stolen car was recovered on Lighthouse Dr. on Ferguson Ct.

Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m.
An officer responded to six juveniles vandalizing a stolen vehicle. They were driving it onto Meadowdale Park, "spinning donuts." They also smashed the car's roof and windows. There was extensive damage to the car and to the park. All six fled when the officer approached, but the officer coordinated other responding officers from both the swing and graveyard shifts, as well as visiting sheriff's deputies in town to help plan a police Christmas party, in surrounding the park. All six juveniles were caught. They were booked and released to the custody of their parents.

Dec. 15, 6:30 a.m.
A loaded, sawed-off .20 gauge shotgun was thrown the closed bedroom window of a Hobson St. address. A resident had heard several loud bangs and then the sound of the window breaking, and found the weapon. The weapon did not appear to have been fired.

Dec. 15, 8:51 a.m.
Near 5th and C, a male told police his bike was taken when he was inside a nearby deli. Some suspect information was given.

Dec. 15, 9:14 a.m.
A car was reported stolen from a Westacre Rd. parking lot.

Dec. 15, 1:28 p.m.
Several Jamaica St. mailboxes were burglarized, with mail apparently stolen.

Dec. 15, 3:10 p.m.
Security personnel at a West Capitol store detained three juveniles for trying to shoplift. The three were cited and released to their parents.

Phoning city government—

The opening of the West Sacramento Civic Center has necessitated new phone numbers for city offices relocating to the new site at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

The following city office numbers are now in service within the 916 area code:

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* Business Licenses, 617-4589.
* City Clerk, 617-4500.
* City Council, 617-4500.
* City Manager's Office, 617-4500.
* Community Development Department/Planning, Engineering, 617-4645.
* Finance Department, 617-4575.
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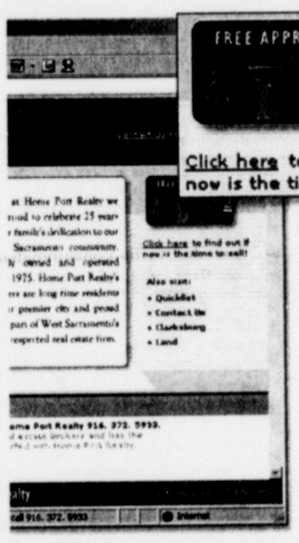

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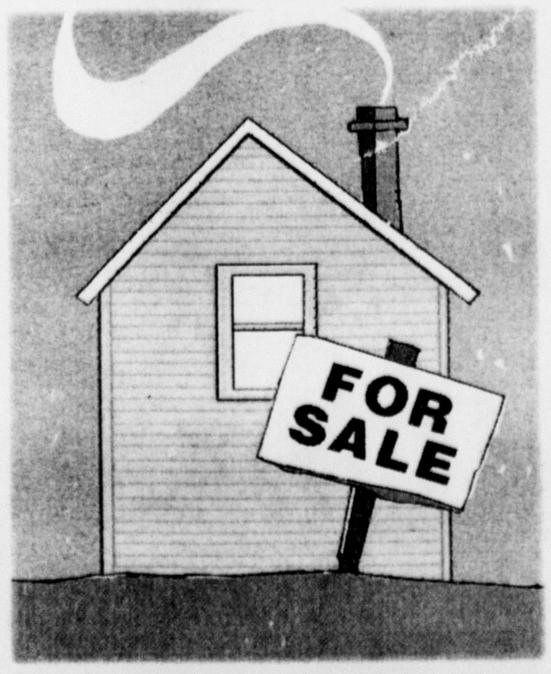

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Local Scene

Elks Christmas party

Santa Claus will drop into the Elks Lodge on Dec. 21 from noon to 2 p.m. Free hot dogs. Visit 423 Third Street.

Candlelight worship

Christmas Eve candlelight worship will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24 at Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever St. All are welcome. Call 371-8804 for information.

Get involved

The City of West Sacramento is looking for residents to serve on the following boards and commissions: planning commission, commission on aging, parks & community services commission, housing advisory commission, economic development advisory commission and board of appeals. Appointments are scheduled to begin Dec. 18. For more information or an application, call 617-4500.

Candy for kids

The West Sacramento Kiwanis Club has teamed with See's Candy for a fundraiser to benefit local scholarship, children's camp and other kids' programs. The is staffing a booth on Merkley Ave. (open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), selling See's Candy to benefit the programs. The booth will be located across from the Margaret McDowell Manor, west of Jefferson Blvd. on Merkley.

Food giveaway

The Yolo County Food Bank will distribute food to needy West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on Dec. 28 at the county building on Jefferson Blvd. from 8-10 a.m.; at the Sam Combs Activity Center from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; and at the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10-11 a.m. Commodities may include potatoes, sweet potatoes, rice, tomato sauce, spaghetti, corn syrup and pears. Please bring a bag. For information on eligibility, call (530) 758-6821.

VFW breakfast

West Sacramento's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8762 will host a breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 29. Cost is $5. Call 372-5793.

Raley Field use

The Sacramento River Cats have made 20 days available for community group use of Raley Field. Non-profit groups interested in using the stadium between March 1 and Oct. 31, 2003, may obtain an application by calling the city parks department, 373-5860.

Coat donations

The Star Recorder Committee of the Women of the Moose in West Sacramento is collecting "coats for kids" along with Channel 10 during December. New or gently-used coats may be dropped off at the Moose Home, 3240 Jefferson Blvd., and will be delivered to Channel 10 to be given to needy kids. Cash donations may also be sent to the Salvation Army, PO Box 34699, Sacramento, CA 95834. Make checks payable to "Coats for Kids."

Refuse service

The Christmas and New Year's holidays will alter local refuse and recycling collection schedules. On these holidays, Wednesday pickups will move to Thursday; Thursday pickups will move to Friday; and Friday pickups will move to Saturday. If you have any questions, call 617-4575.

Holiday recycling

Here are three ideas for recycling holiday trees and materials: The West Sacramento Senior Center and use your used greeting cards for crafts. Drop the cards off at 661 Cummins Way, or at the parks department in city hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Consider using gift bags instead of gift wrap for presents. The presents can be re-used, and you may put a date on the inside of the bag each time it's used for a new present. You may recycle your Christmas tree by cutting it into three-foot sections and leaving it curbside, or by dropping it in the box in the Rite Aid parking lot between Dec. 26 and Jan. 6.

Christmas 'wish tree'

Someset Nursing Center is sponsoring a "wish tree" for its residents – each resident will have a star on the tree. Visitors may provide a requested gift listed for the resident on a star and deliver the gift to the activity department by noon on Thurs., Dec. 19. Presents should be wrapped and labeled with the resident's name. For more information on making holidays brighter for these nursing home residents, call Janet, 371-1890.

Christmas program

Journey Christian Church invites you to a family Christmas Eve program at 6 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 24, at Best Western Harbor Inn, 1250 Halyard Drive. Enjoy candlelight, multimedia, music and a gift for each child. The church is a non-denominational Christian church, with regular services Sundays at 9 a.m.

Painters' exhibit

The "plein air" painters will have watercolors on exhibit through Jan. 2 at the Turner branch library, 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento, with a reception scheduled for Dec. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Artists are Mae Delle Leino, Ruth McCormick, Cathy Palmer, Del Sunley and Betty Fairbairn Sokolich.

Cookbooks for church

A cookbook from Trinity Presbyterian Church called "Cooking with Angels" is now available for purchase. A number of local cooks submitted recipes for the book. Call 371-8873 or the church, 371-5875.

Art show

The West Sacramento Art Guild will exhibit its works at Ann Bissett-Clark's studio at 1510 Merkley Ave. from 6-9 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. For information concerning the show or the guild, call Stella Caluya, 371-3744.

Pearl Harbor Day

MEMBERS OF WEST SACRAMENTO's two Veterans of Foreign Wars posts gathered at the city's River Walk Park on Sat., Dec. 7, to remember the attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan 61 years earlier. The bombing brought the U.S. into World War Two.

Vets placed flowers at a memorial plaque, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and listened to "taps." There were also prayers for the fallen.

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The wise man reads both books and life itself.
—Lin Yutang

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No one has ever had an idea in a dress suit.
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Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz

Answers

1. La Russa has managed 24 seasons; Cox has managed 21.
2. Bret Boone of Seattle (37 homers, 141 RBIs).
3. Once. In 1981, the Saints drafted running back George Rogers of South Carolina.
4. Duke versus Michigan in the 1992 NCAA final — nearly 21 million homes tuned in to the game.
5. Once — he had 103 points in 1968-69.
6. Just one; Foreman beat Alex Schulz, then lost both titles in disputes with the WBA and IBF.
7. Hicham El Guerrouj of Monaco ran a mile in 3:43.13 in July 1999.

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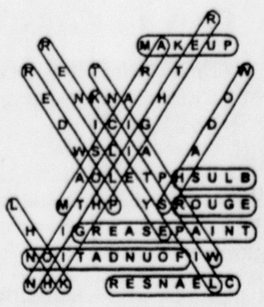

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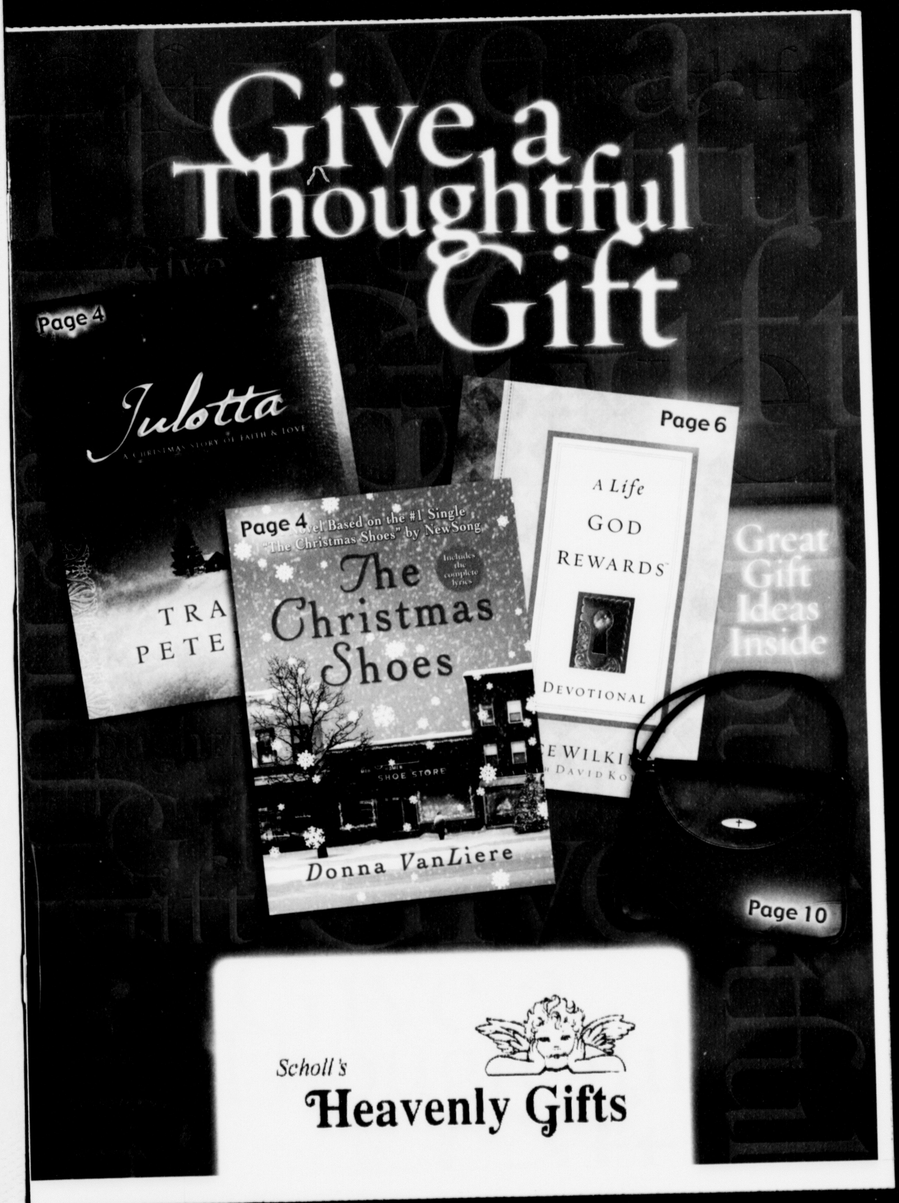
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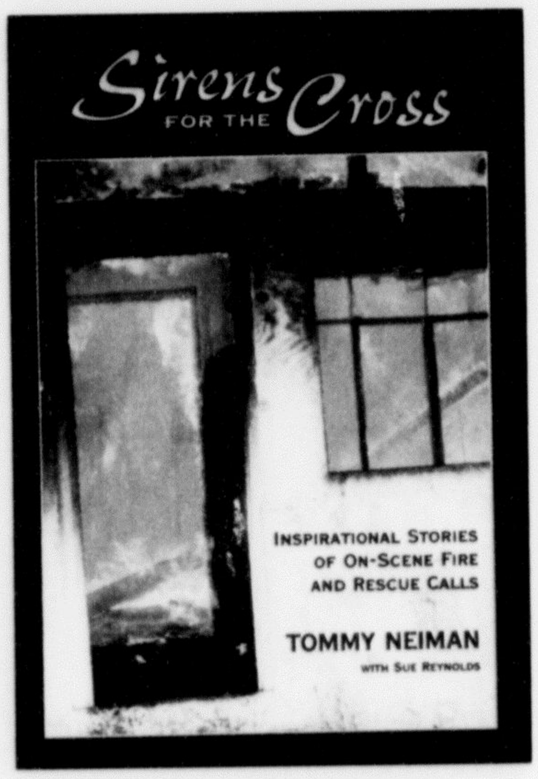

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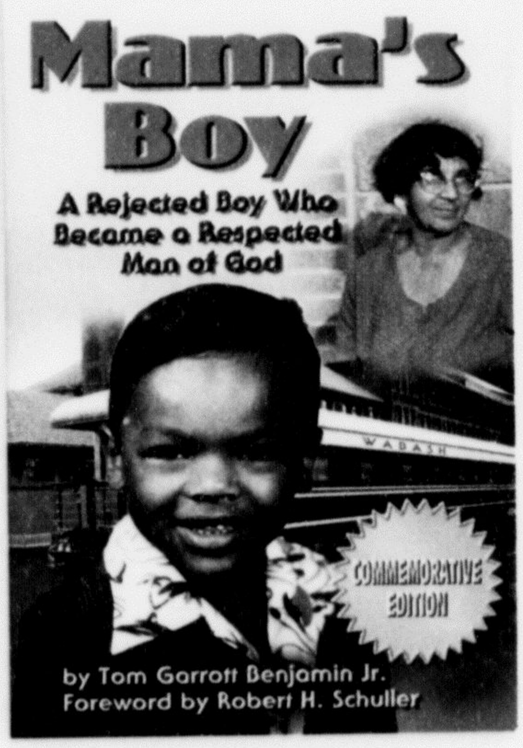
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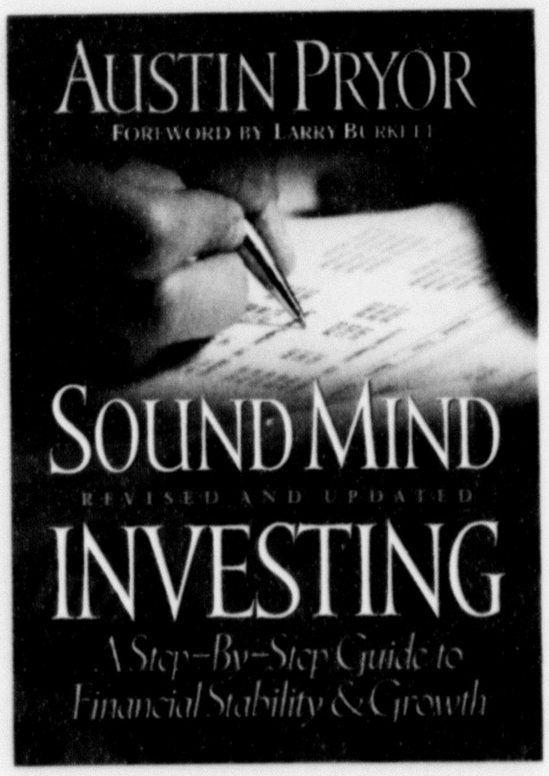

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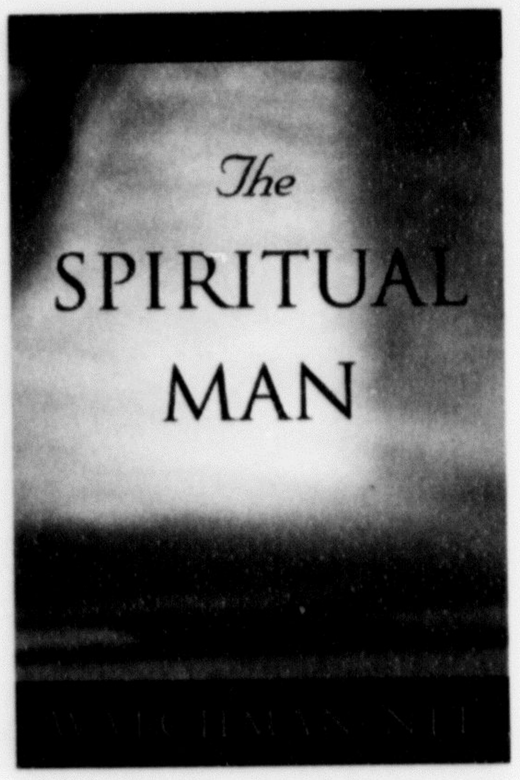

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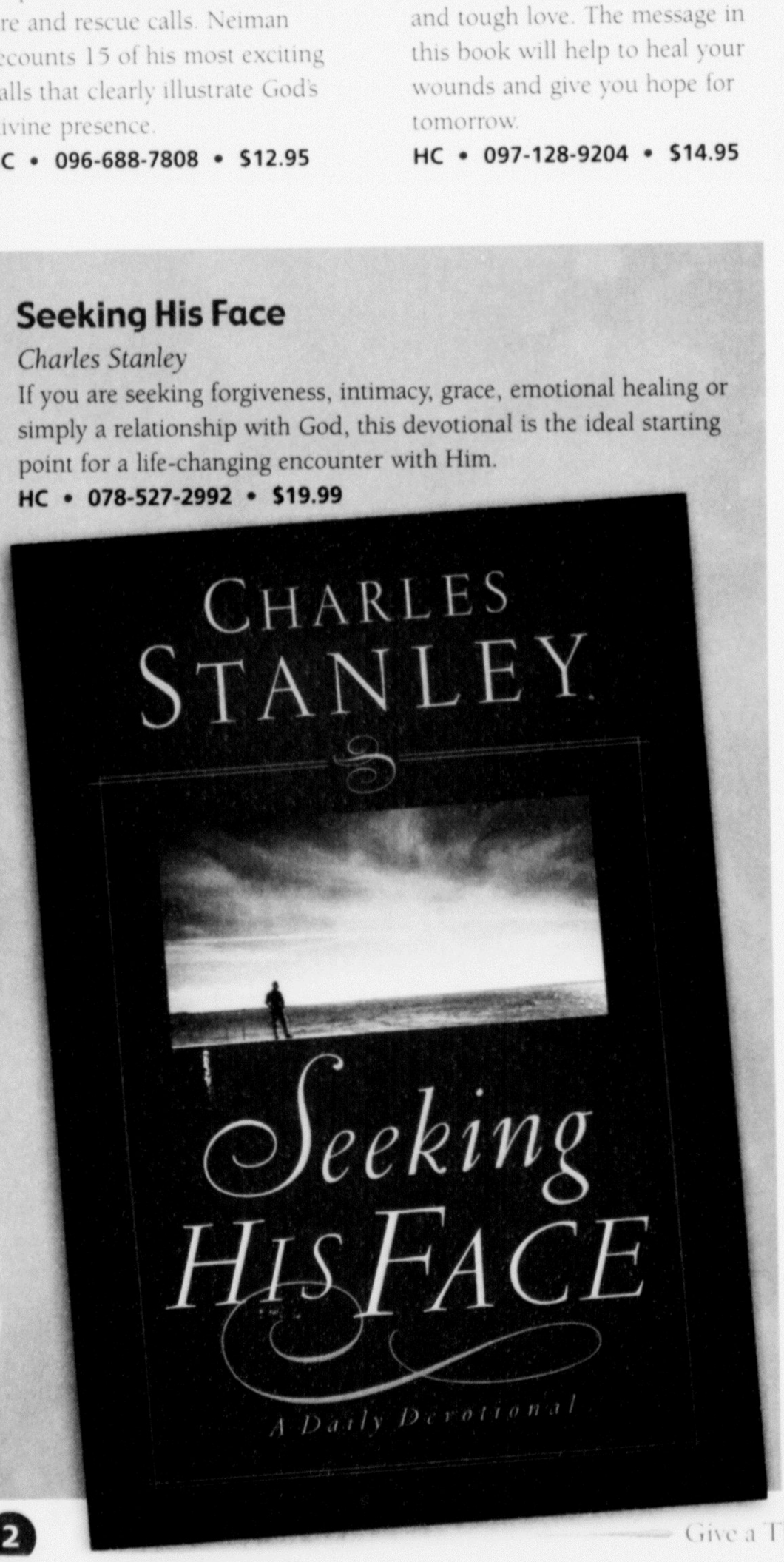

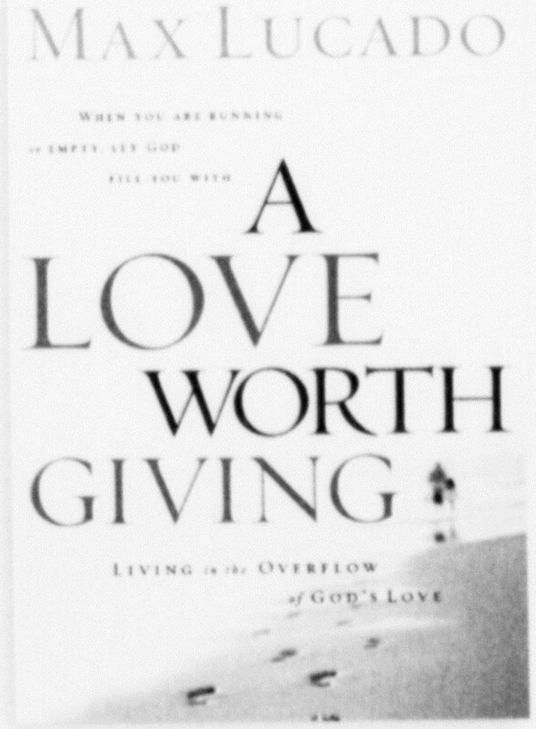

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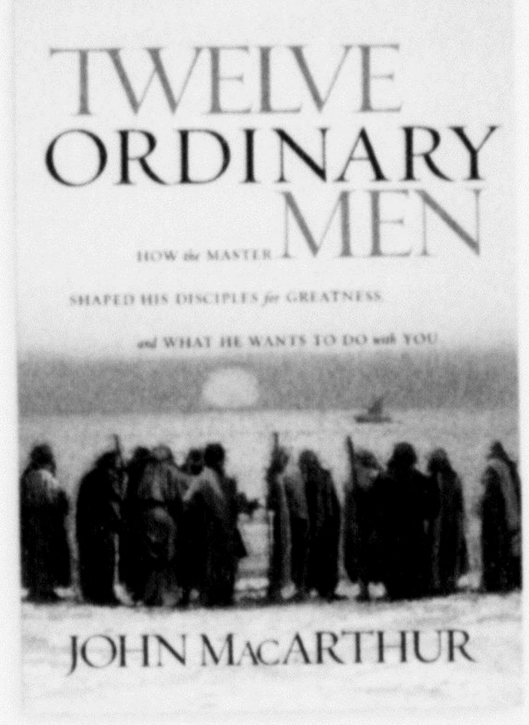

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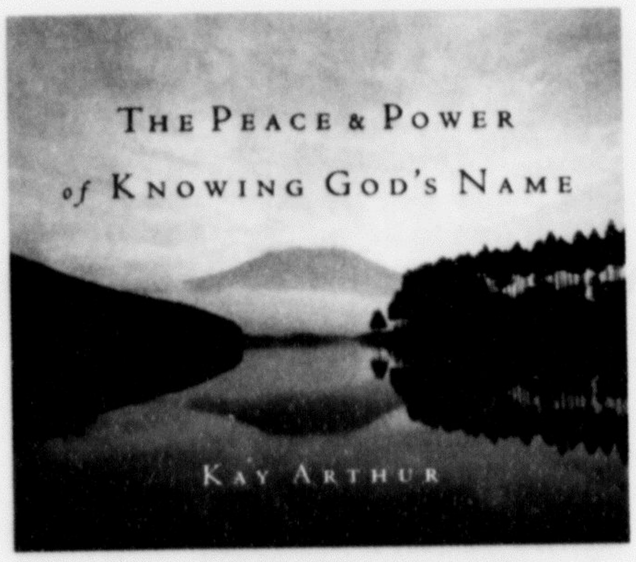

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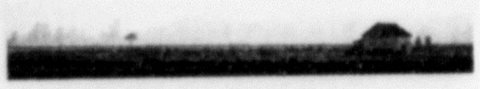

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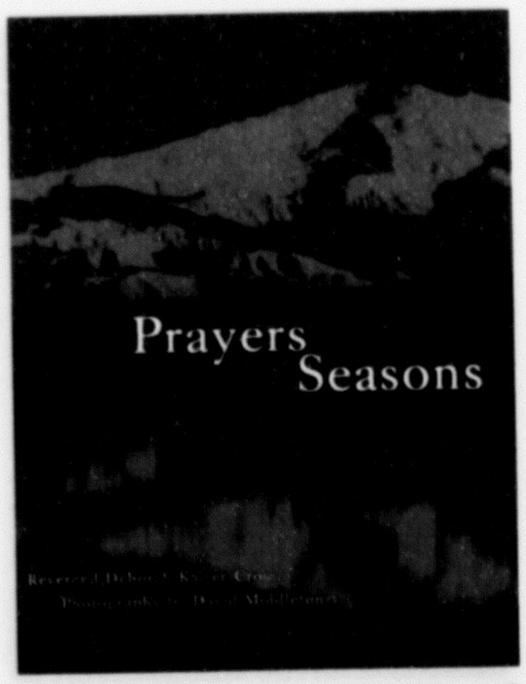

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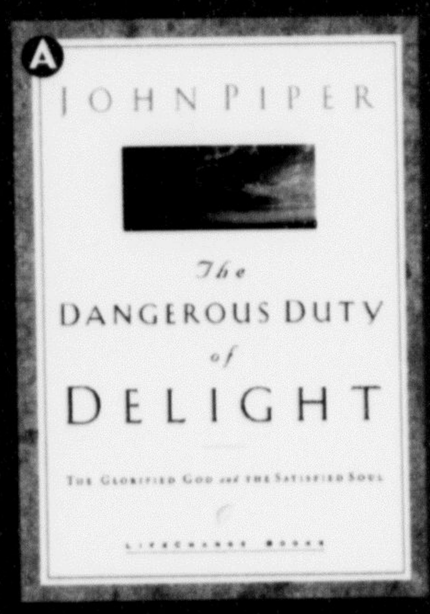

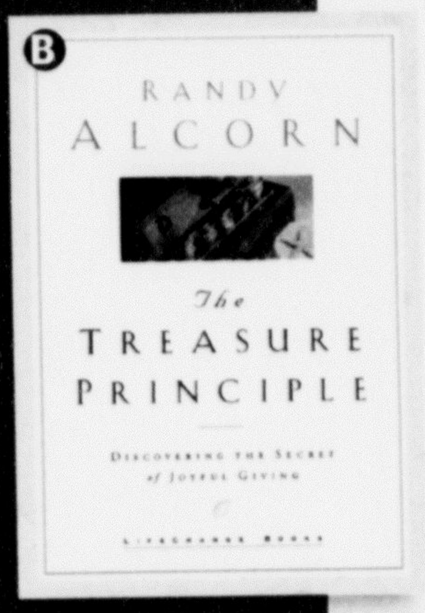

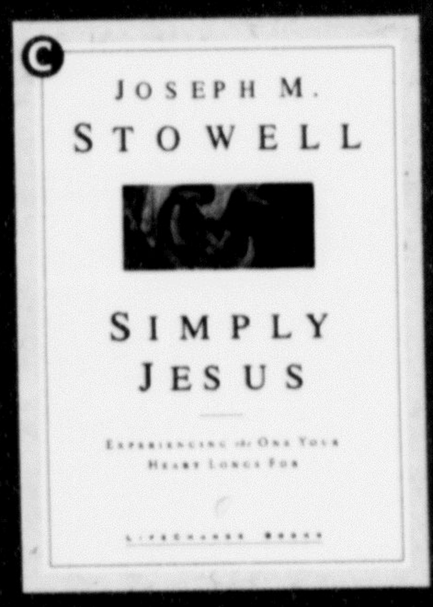

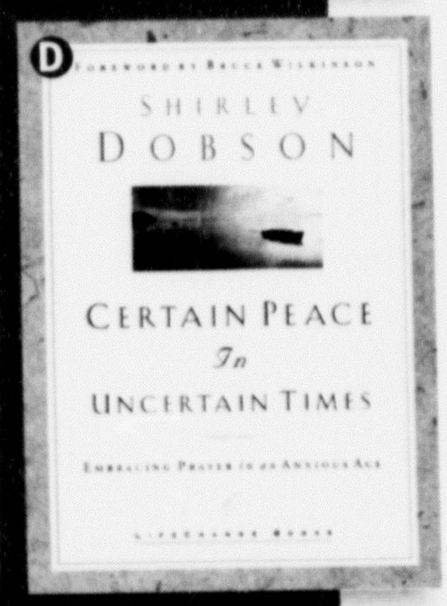

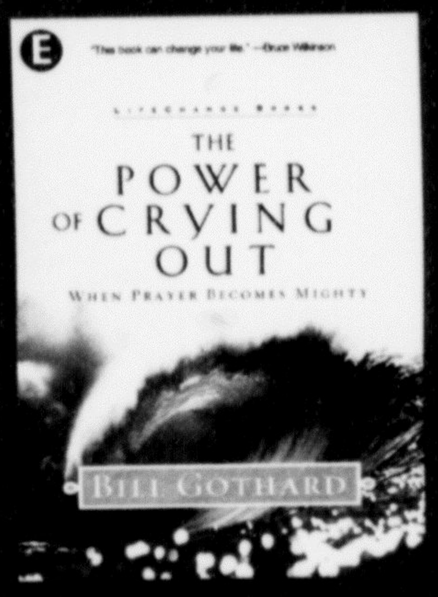

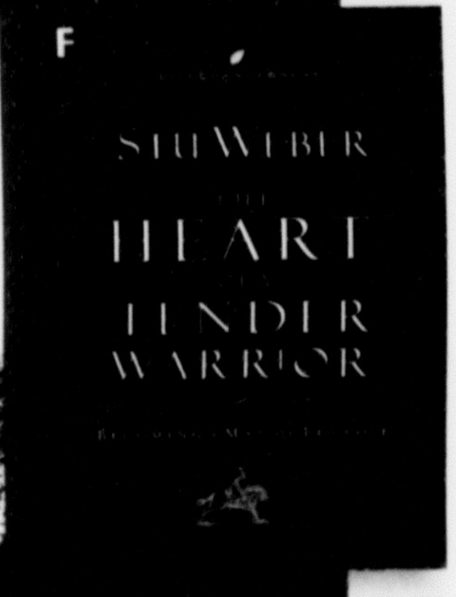

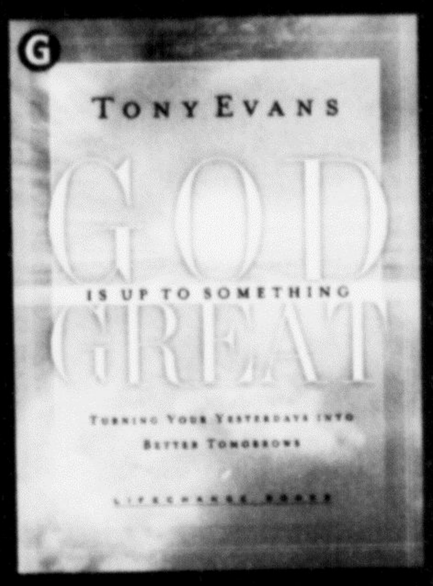

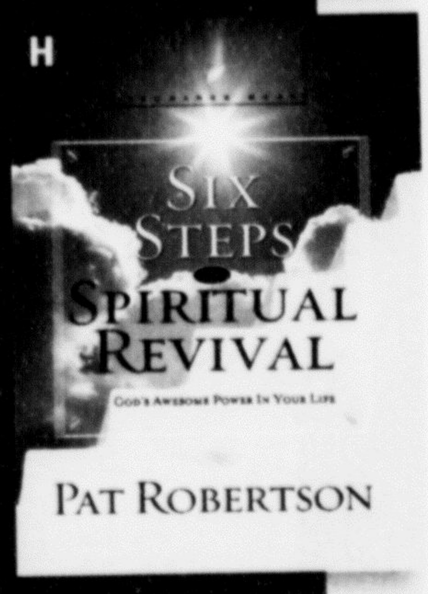

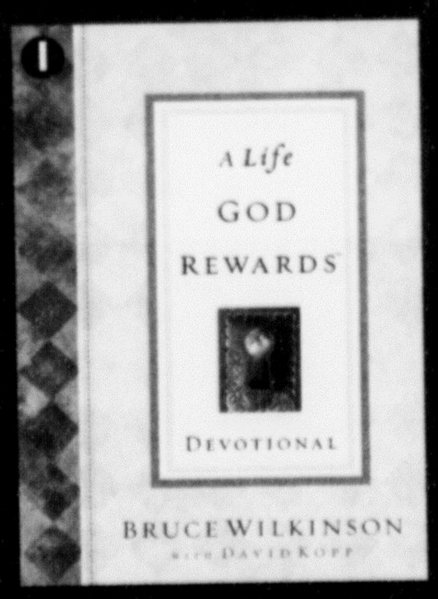

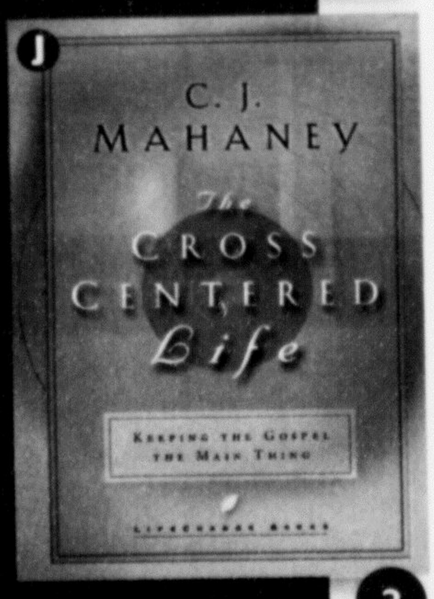

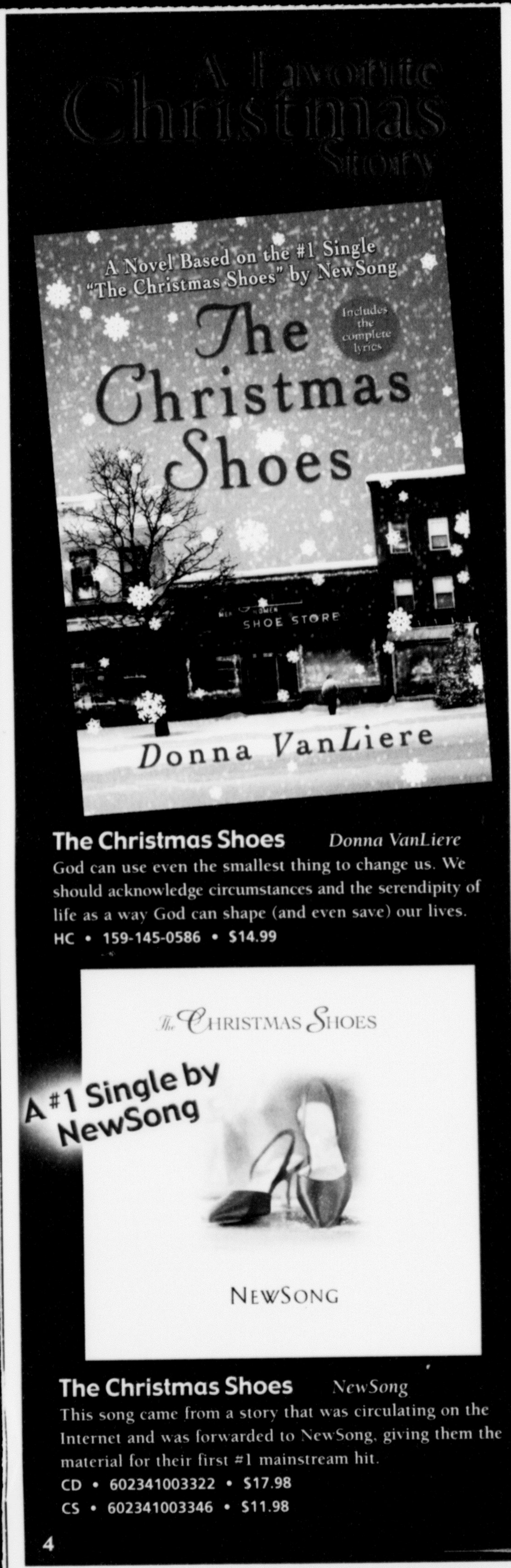
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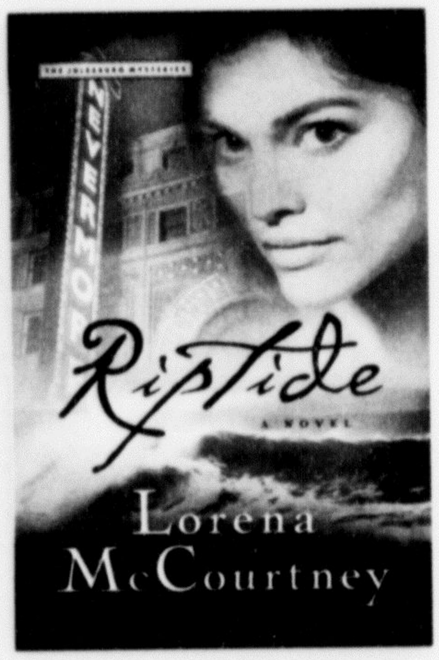

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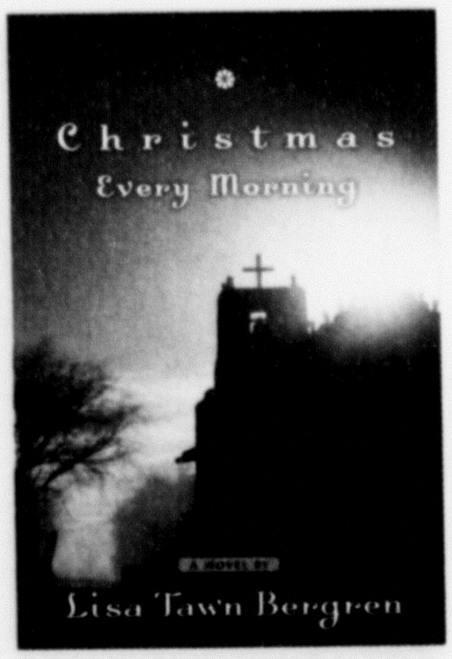

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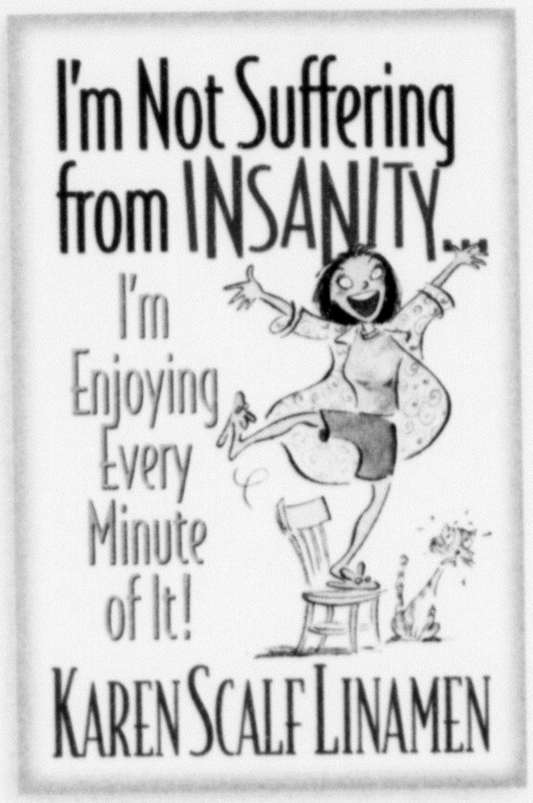

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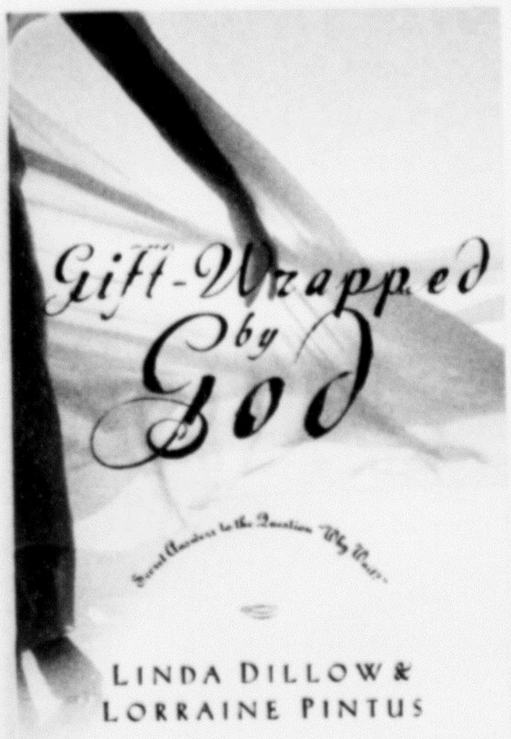

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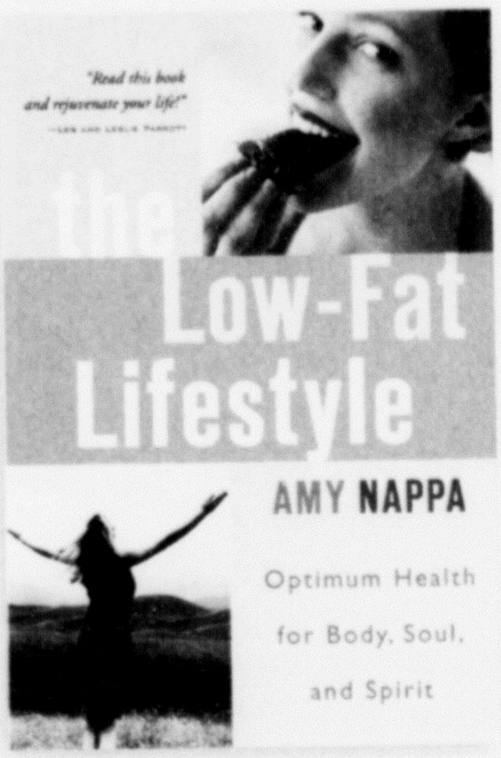

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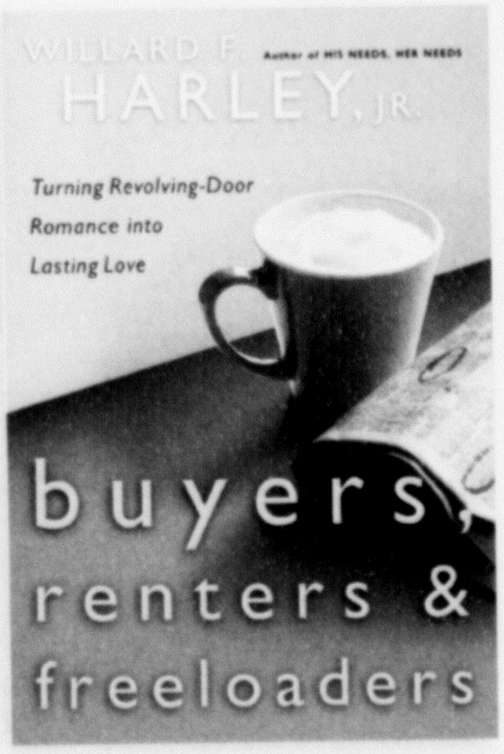
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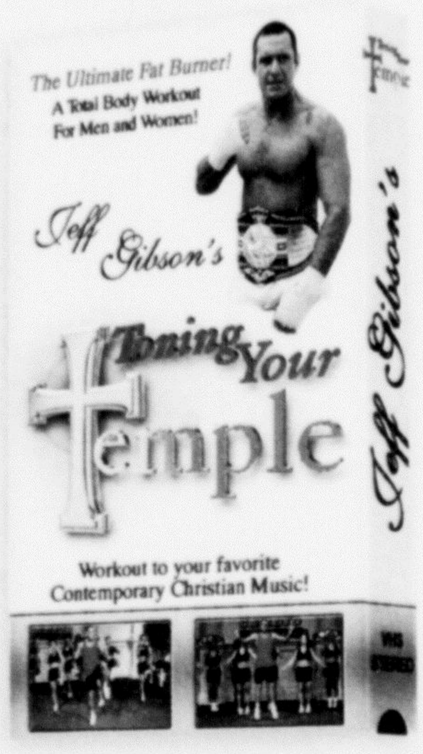
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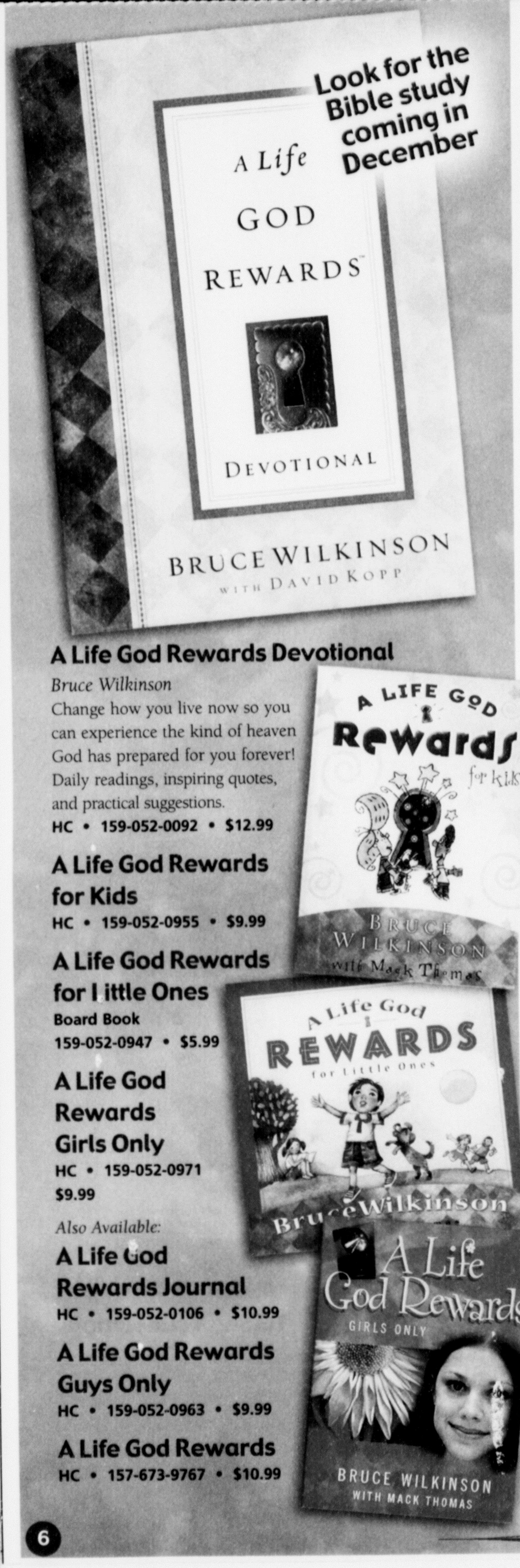

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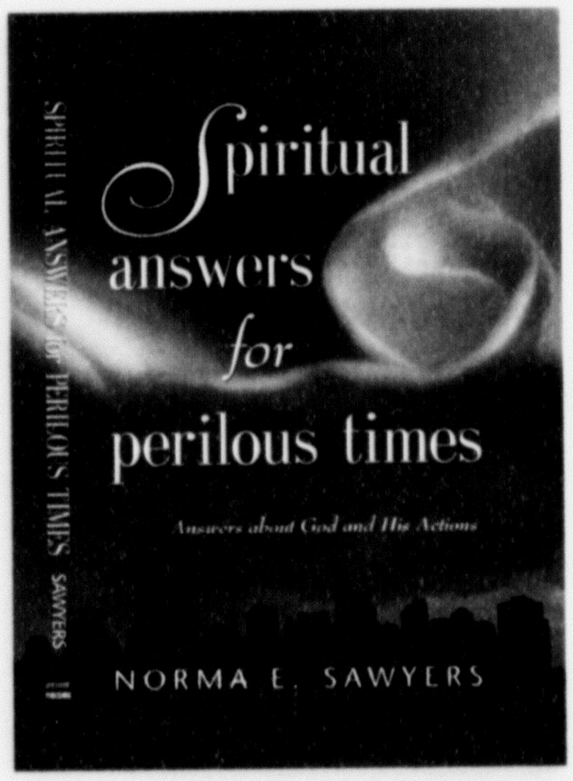

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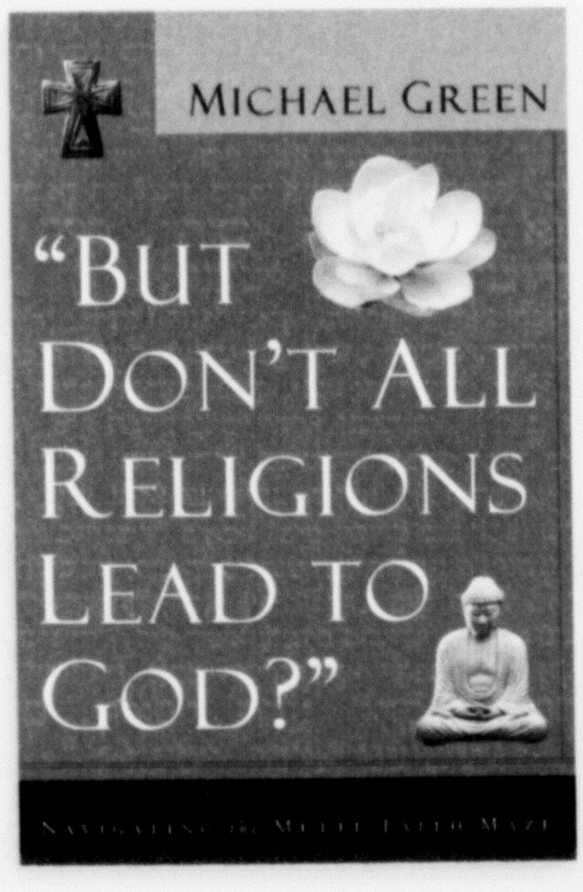

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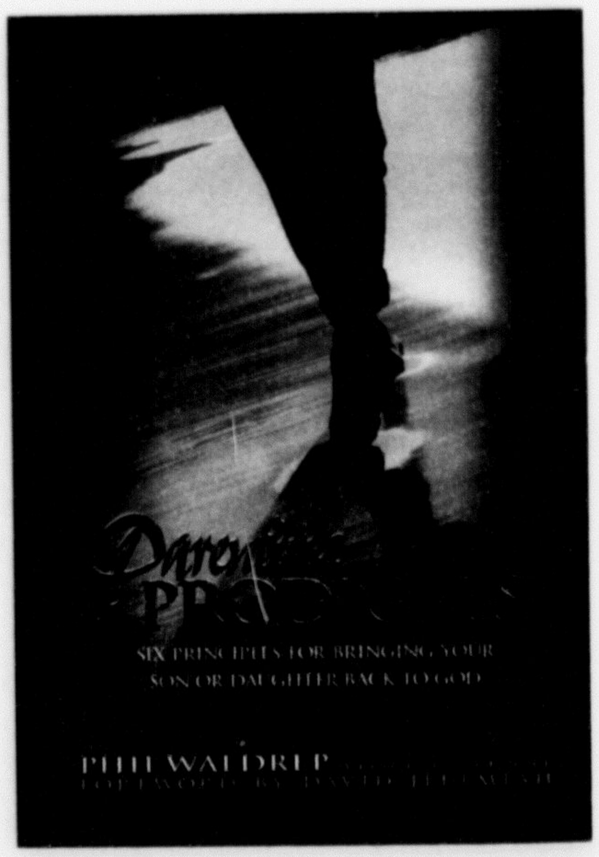

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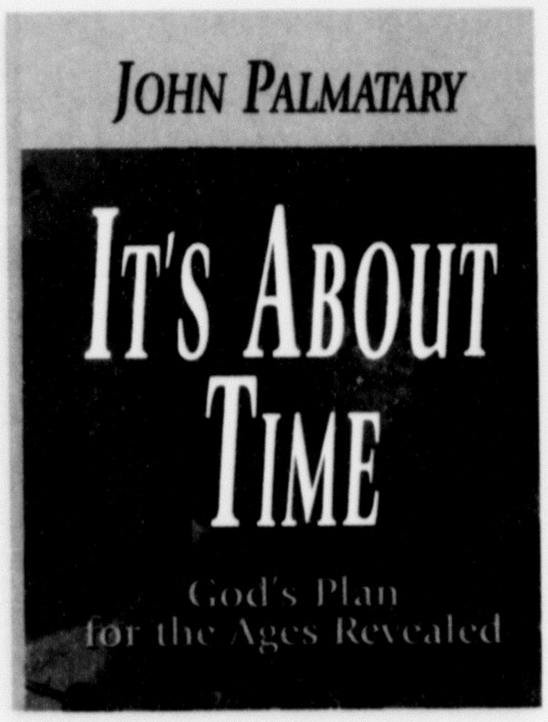

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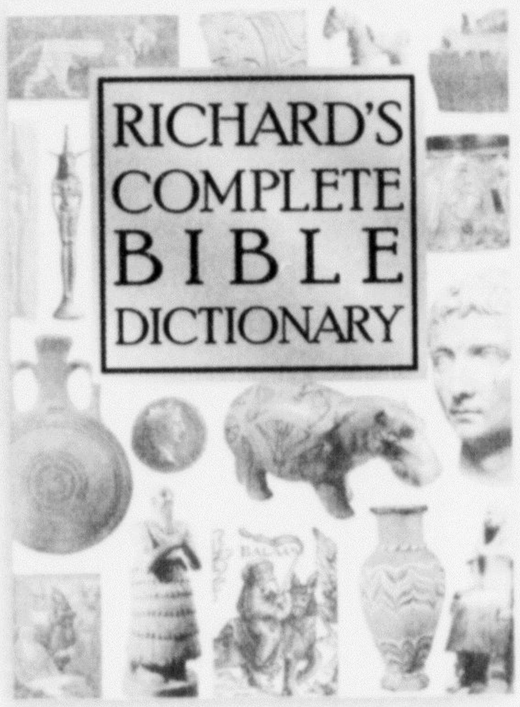

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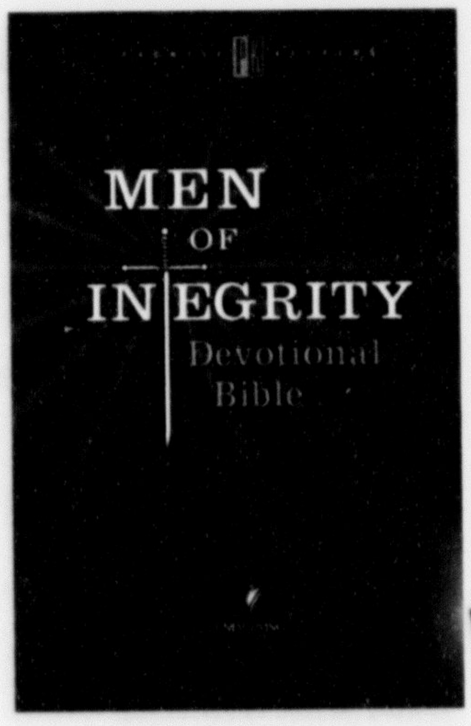

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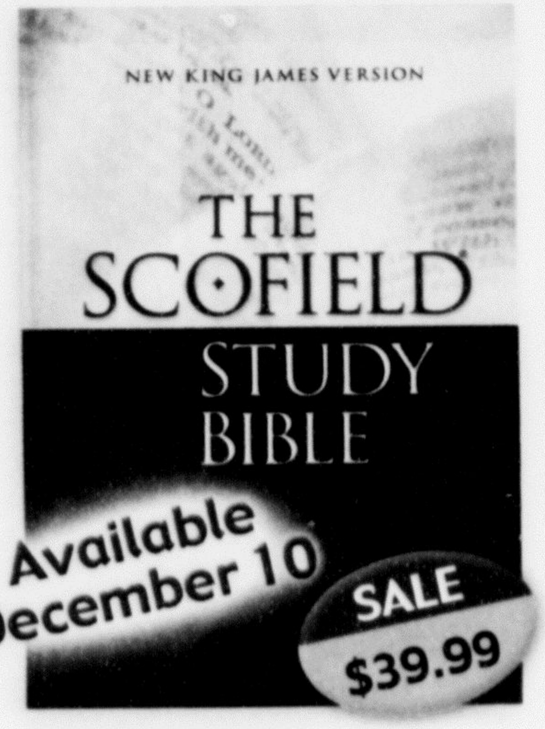

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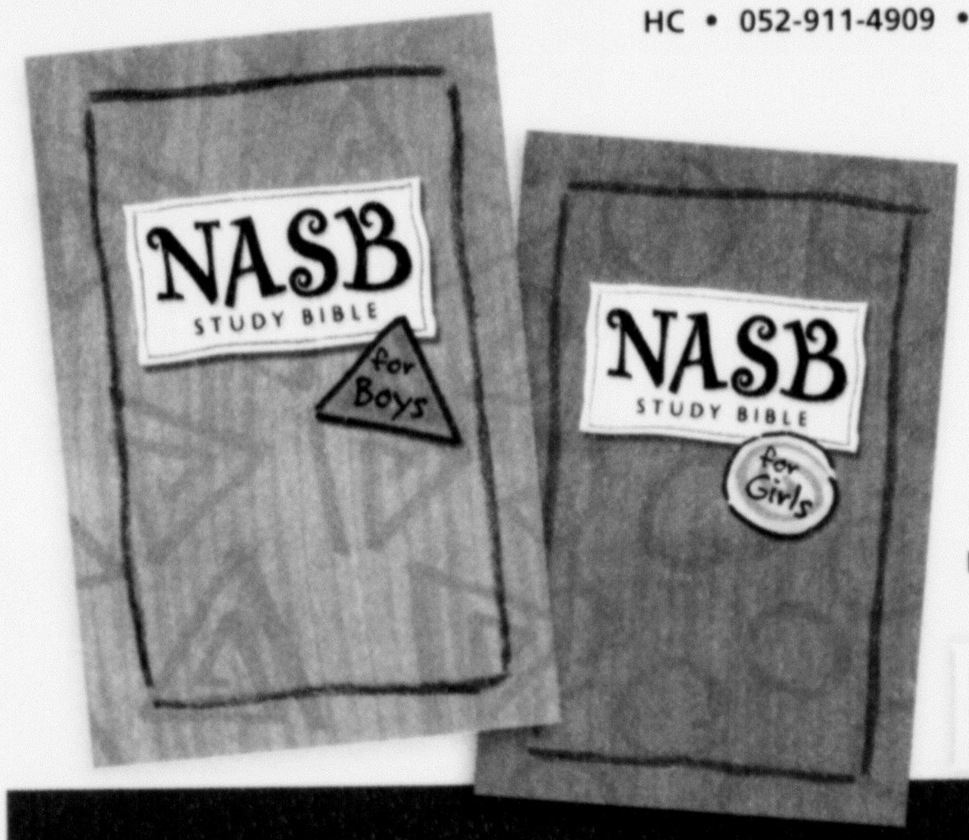

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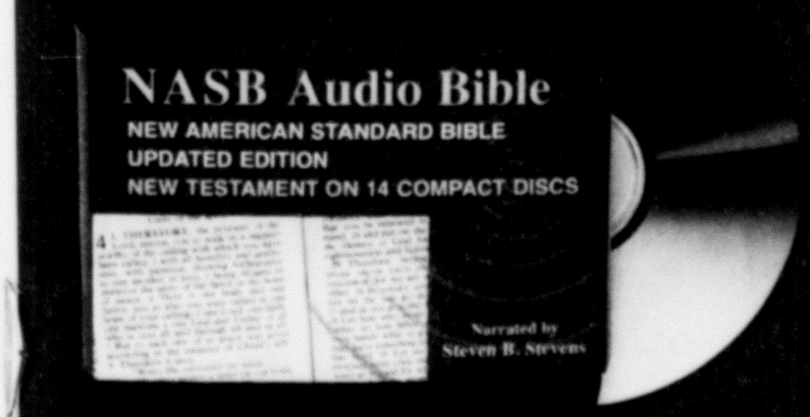

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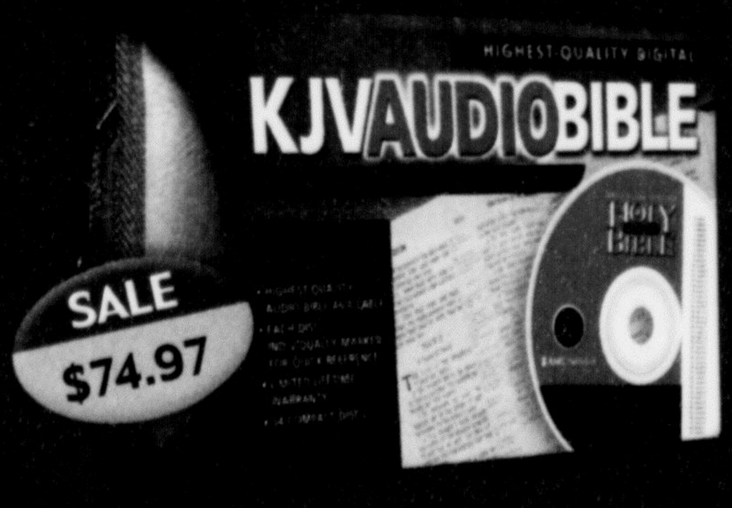

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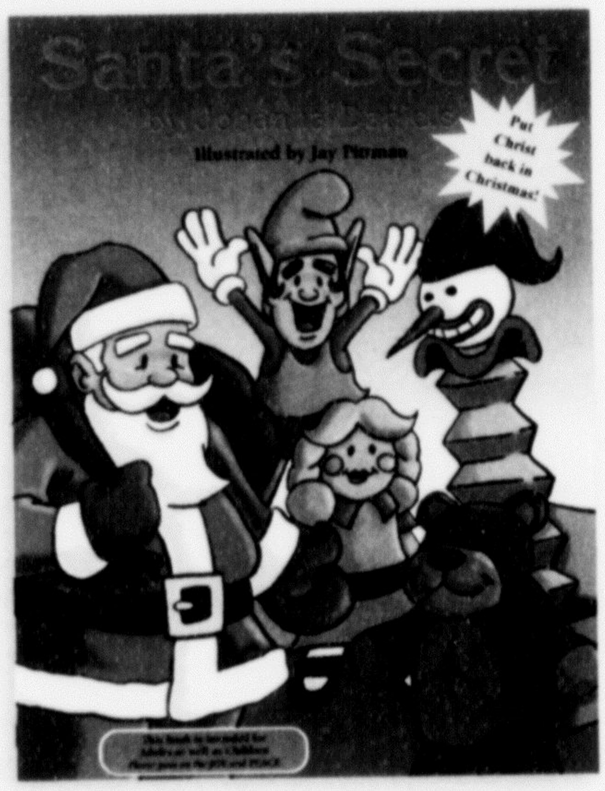

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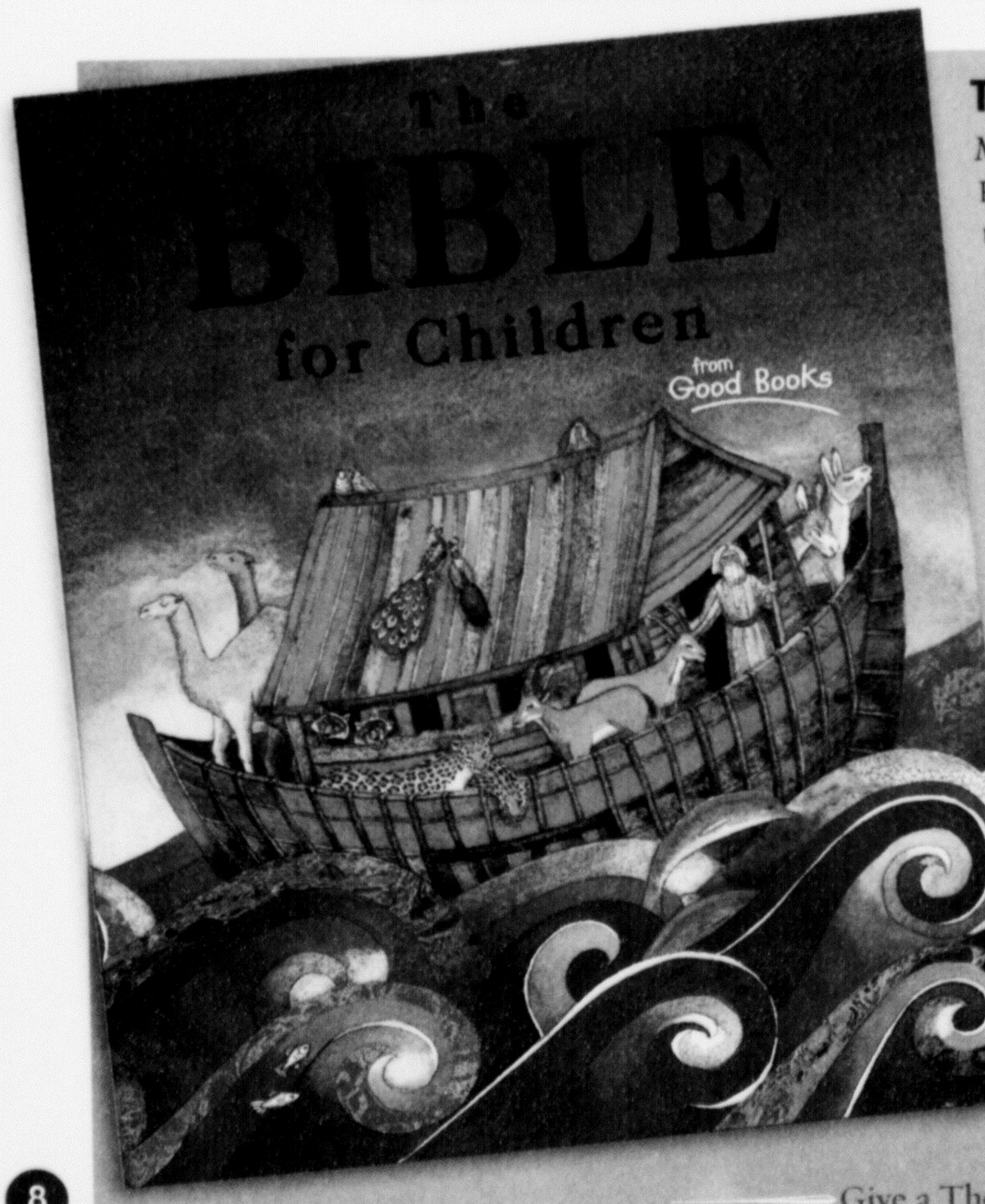

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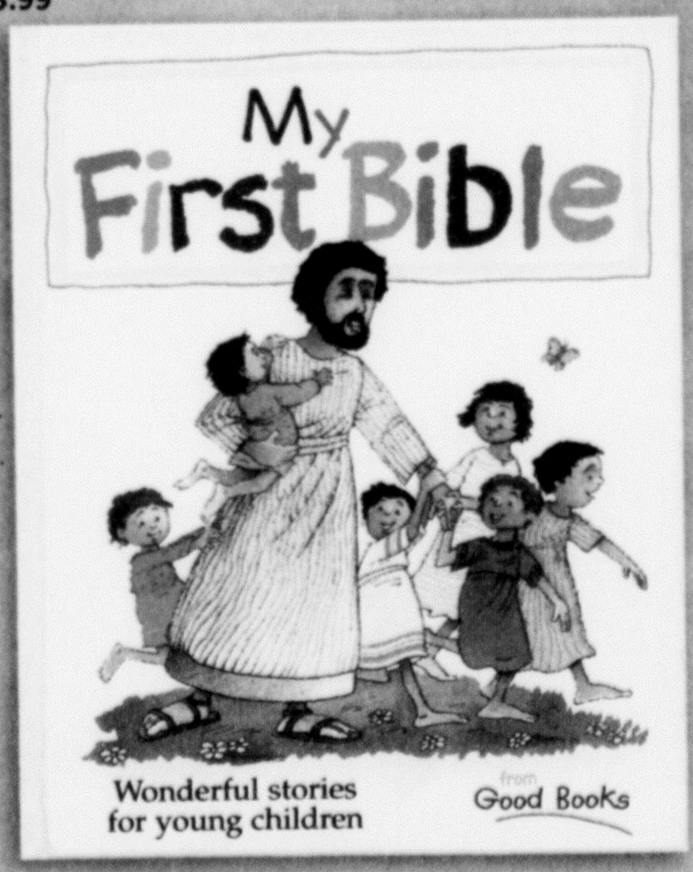

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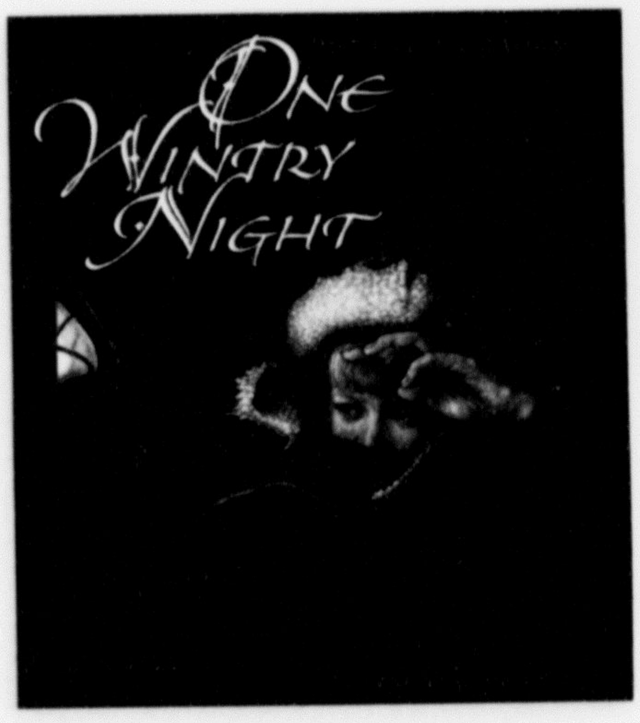

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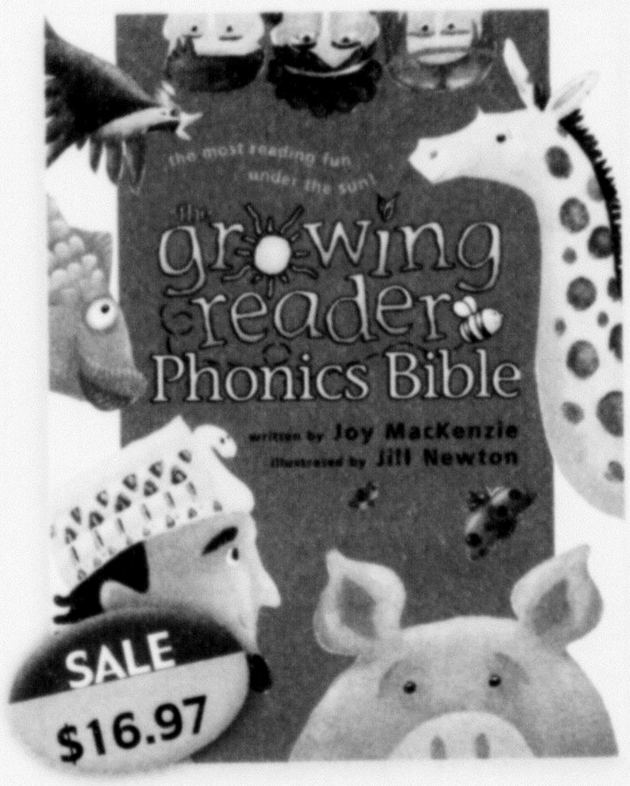

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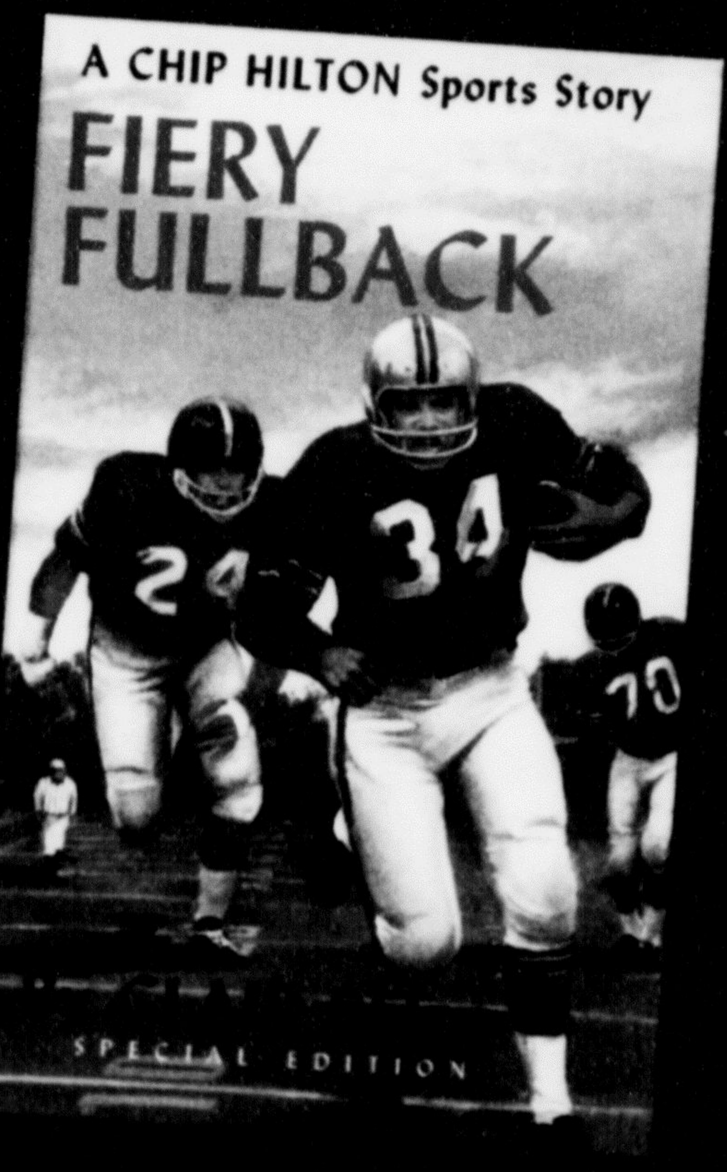

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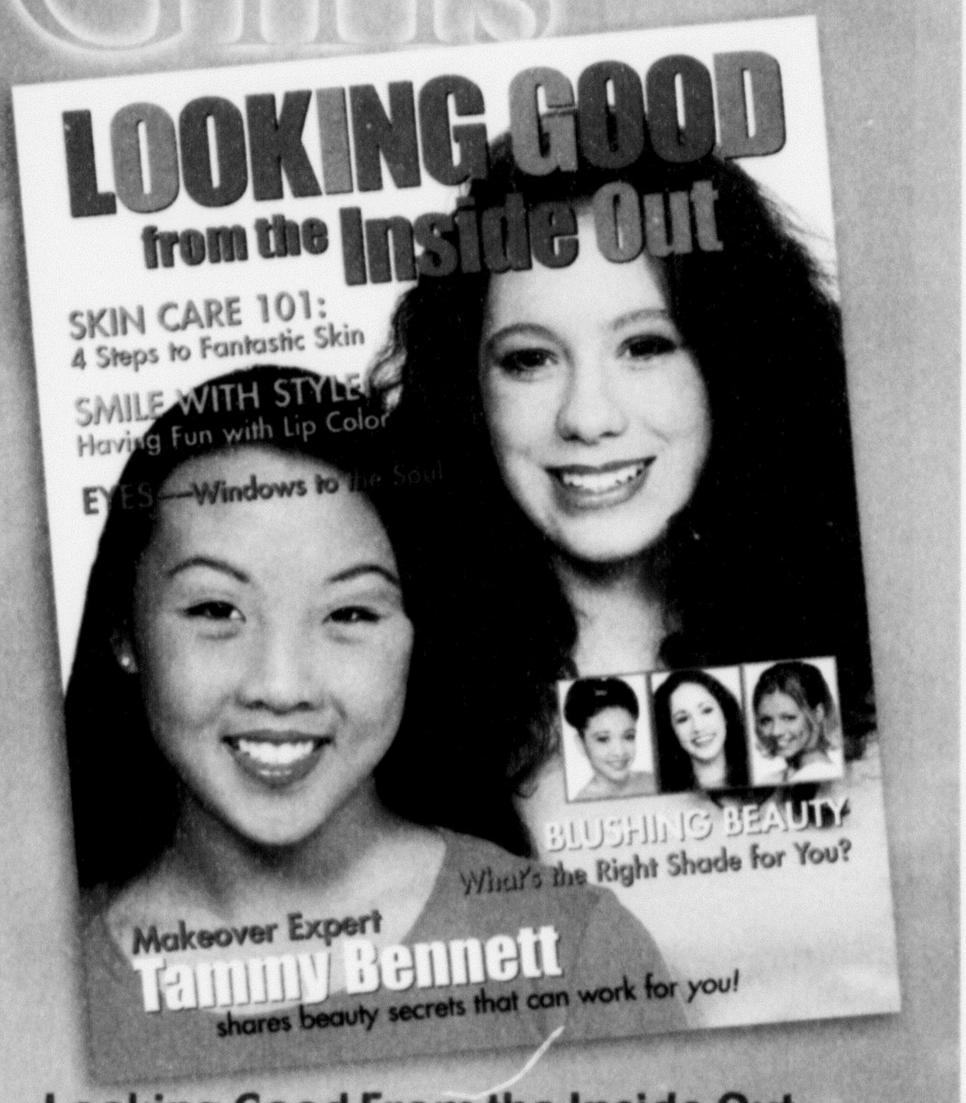

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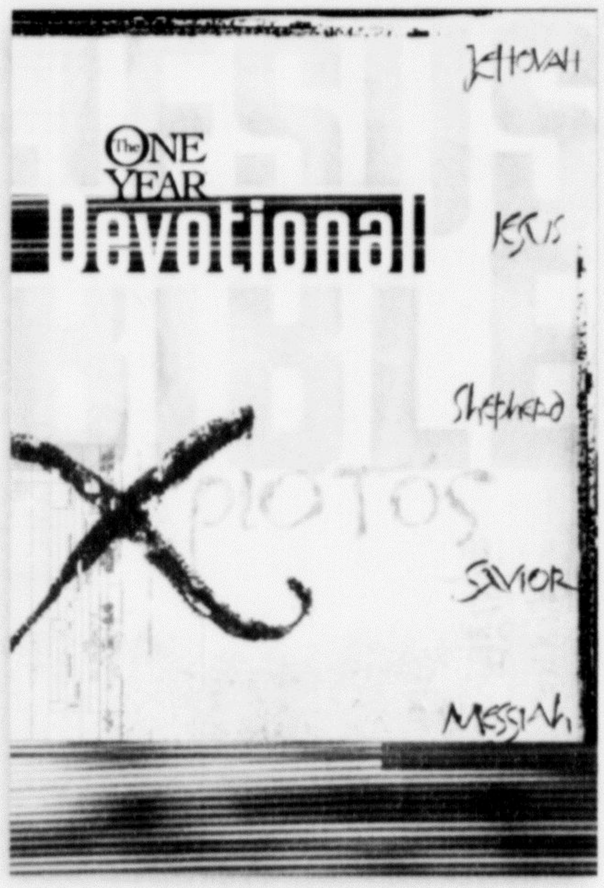

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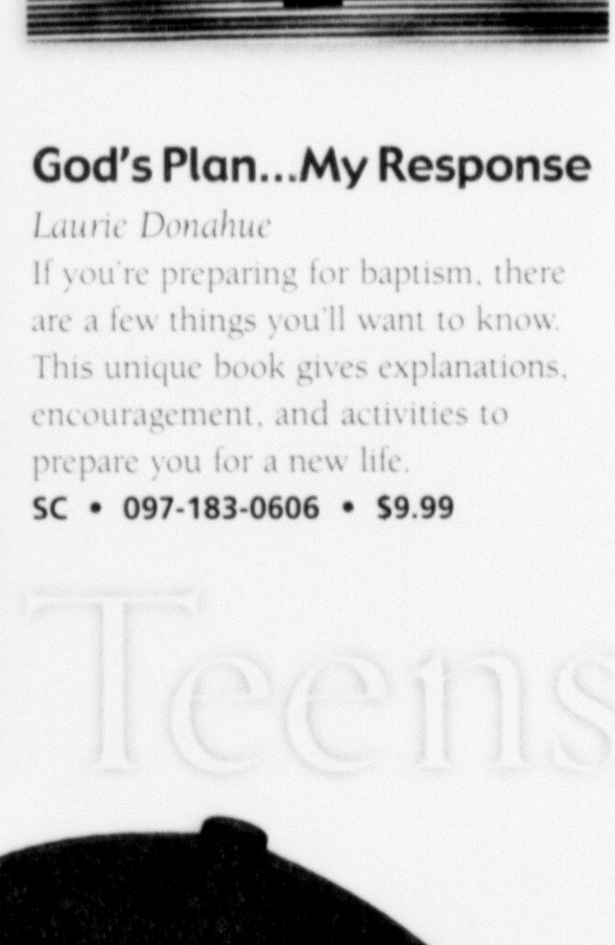

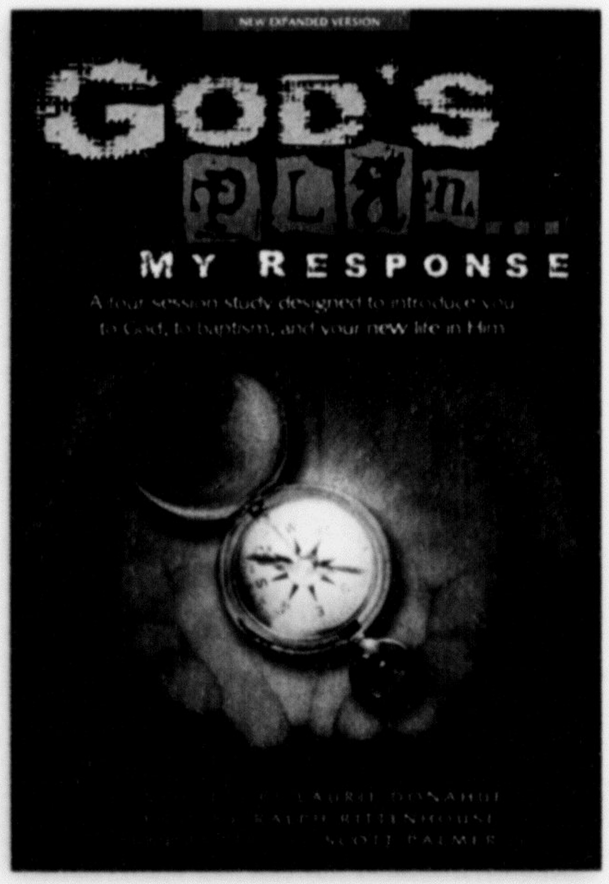
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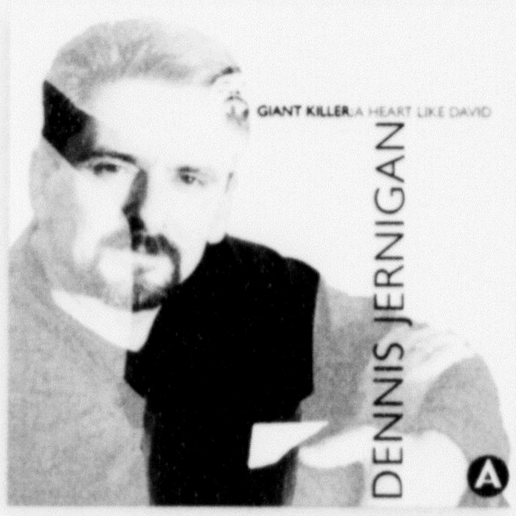

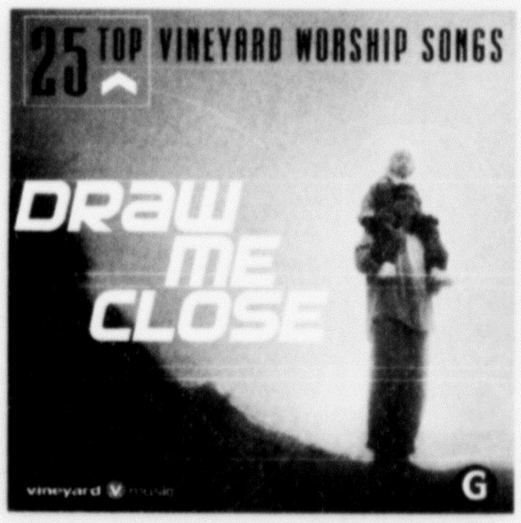

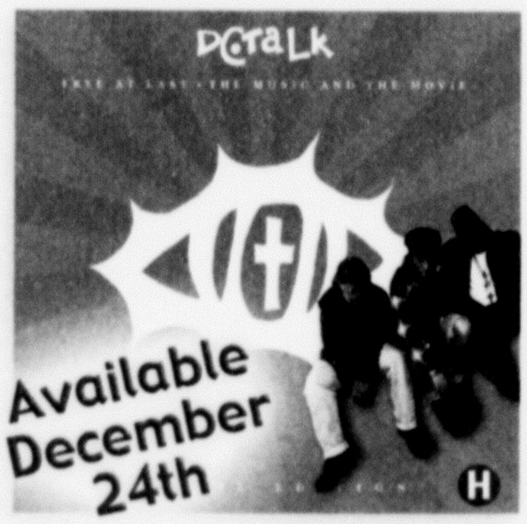

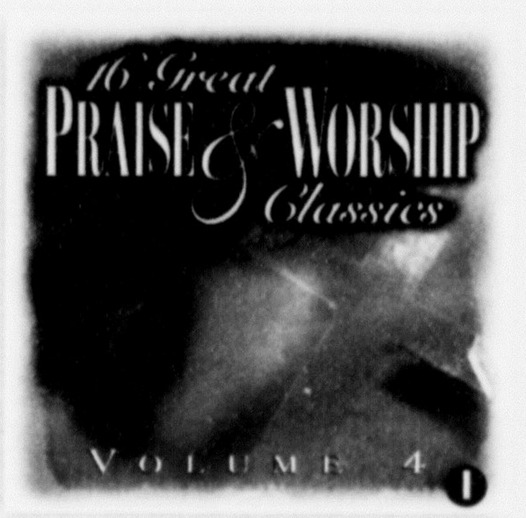

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